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Grafton 2sd July 1821 I hereby Certify that I joined in Marriage Mr Edmond H. Dixey of Marlborough with Miss Lucy Lamb of Grafton

Jon.a Wheeler Justice of the Peace

I hereby certify that I joined in marriage Mr. Joseph Jepherson of Troy with Miss Susan Congdon of Northbridge this first day of March A.D. 1827.

Harry Wood Justice of the peace

I hereby certify that I joined in marriage Mr John Warner and Miss Adeline Dudley both of Millbury this third day of August A.D. 1828.

Harry Wood Justice of the peace

Worcester ss To Isaac W. Wood 71 One of the Constables for the Town
L.S.) of Grafton ——————————— Greeting

You are hereby required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Warn the male inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton of Twenty one years of age and upwards having a free-hold Estate within the Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds, To meet at the Towns Meeting House on Monday, the third day of April next at one O. Clock in the afternoon, To Give in their Votes for a Governour Lieutenant Governour and Senators and Counsellors, agreeably to the Constitution of said Commonwealth ——————

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said Meeting ——— Given under our hands and Seal at said Grafton this twentieth day of March A.D. 1820

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Charles Brigham
Peter Harnum
} Selectmen of Grafton

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Worcester ss. Grafton 27th March 1820 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Warned the inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned — Isaac W. Wood Constable

Worcester ss 3th April 1820 Then personally appeared Royal Keith Pardon Aldrich Perley Goddard & Charles Brigham and were Solemnly Sworn and Peter Harnum duely affirmed to the faithful & impartial discharge of their Duty as Selectmen of the Town of Grafton the Present year in regard to all Elections and Returns thereof according to the Laws of this Commonwealth in your best Skill and Judgement ———

Jon.a Wheeler Justice of the Peace

A True Copy attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden the third day of April, being the first Monday of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty — for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The whole Number of Votes given in were Sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following Persons ——————

For Governor
- His Excellency John Brooks Ninety Two Votes
- Hond William Eustis Ninety four Votes
- Capt Charles Brigham one Vote

For Lieutenant Governor
- Hon William Phillips Ninety Two Votes —
- Hon Benjamin Austin Ninety four votes
- Amasa Robert Esqr one Vote ——

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Peter Farnum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

attest Jon A Wheeler Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the third day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty) for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors, for the District of Worcester County the Whole Number of Votes given in, were Sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following Persons

For Hon. Stephen P. Gardner Eighty Eight Votes
Hon Aaron Tufts — Ninety Two Votes
Hon. Lewis Bigelow Ninety Two Votes
Hon Samuel Eastman Ninety Two Vote
Hon. Levi Lincoln Junr Ninety five Votes
Calvin Willard Esqr Ninety five Votes
Col Henry Sergeant Ninety five Votes
Majr James Estabrook Ninety five Votes
Gen. Salem Town Junr four Votes

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Peter Harnum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attst Jon.a Wheler Town Clerk

at a Legal Meeting of the Voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Towns Meeting House on Monday the 3th day of April 1820 at four O.Clock in the afternoon by adjournment from the 20th Day of March last the Proceedings of the former being Read the following additional proceeding was had (Viz)

Voted to accept Isaac W. Wood as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the north side of said Town in the room of Col Cyrus Leland he procuring Bonds agreeable to a vote of the Town heretofore passed

By vote Chose Josephus Willard 2d Select Comm.n the man for the farm district to Called in Sue of Anth.y M. Fay who declined Serveng

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to the Second Monday of may next the Eighth Day of said month at four O. Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Eph.m Goulding Moderator

Grafton 8th May 1820 Personally appeared Nathaniel Adams Junr and was Sworn to the faithful & impartial discharge of his duty as one of the assessors for the Town of Grafton the Ensuing Year also at the same Time was Sworn to the faithful & impartial discharge of his duty as Sealer of weights and Measures for the year Ensuing according to the Laws of this Commonwealth to the best of Skill & Judgment

attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

Grafton 8th May 1820 personally appeared Ephraim Goulding and was Sworn to the faithfull & impartial discharge of his Duty as one of the Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes for the year Ensuing & applicable to the acts of this Commonwealth in his best Skill & Judgment

attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town
(L.S.) of Grafton ——————————————— Greeting

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one years of age, and resident in said Town for the space of one year next preceding, having a freehold Estate within said Town, of the annual income of three pounds, or any Estate to the value of sixty pounds to meet at the Town's meeting House on Monday the Eighth Day of May next at three O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choosing one Representative, to Represent them at the General Court, appointed to be Convened and held at Boston, on the last Wednesday in May ——————————

Hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of said meeting ——————————

Given under our hands & Seal at said Grafton the Twenty fourth day of April A.D. 1820 ——————————

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Pirley Goddard
Peter Harnum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the inhabitants of said Town of Grafton qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned —

Grafton 28th April 1820. Isaac W. Wood } Constable

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at a Legal Meeting of the Votable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton for the Choice of a representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth pursuant to Warning held at the Town's Meeting House in Grafton on Monday the 8th Day of May 1820 at three O'Clock in the afternoon — the following Proceedings were had (Viz) Opened the Meeting by Reading the warrant and on motion voted not to send a Representative this year

Attest Jon'a Wheeler } Town Clerk

at a legal Meeting of the Voteable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held on the 8th Day of May 1820 at ~~four~~ the Town's Meting House four O. Clock in the afternoon by adjournment from the third day of April last after reading the proceedings of the former Meting the following additional proceedings were had ——— ———

By vote Passed over the Ninth article altogether ——

under the 10th article Voted to accept Capt David Sherman's account as one of the assessors for 1819 $14—

Voted to accept Doctr Wm. Lambs account for doctering Esther Truesdale a Foreigner from the 17th July to 21st august 1819 - 36 days ——— $28—26

13th article Voted Not to accept of the layout of a Town way through James Wheelers land as Submited with this article ——— ———

Disolved this Meeting

Ephm Goulding } Moderator

Grafton 13th June 1820 Personally appeared Joseph Wood the 3d and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty as one of the field Drivers the Present year attest Jon a Wheler } T. Clerk

Grafton 31st July 1820 Personally appeared Luke Leland one of the Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Town of Grafton the Present year and was Sworn to the faithful & impartial discharge of his duty in said office according to his best Skill & Judgment and the Laws of this Commonwealth

attest Jon a Wheler } Town Clerk

Grafton 18th October 1820 Personally appeared [illegible] C. Heryden one of the Constables, and Collectors for the Town of Grafton the Present year & was Sworn according to Law in regard to the oath attest Jon a Wheler } Town Clerk

We the Subscribers appointed by the Selectmen of Shrewsbury and Grafton to preambulate the lines and renew the Bounds betwene our respectives Towns, Att this 19th day of June 1820 agreable to appointment and Preambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the Sd Towns agreable to Law of this Commonwealth in Such Cases made and Provided, The length of line Point of Compass and monements Given agreable to the preambulation and Return of the 18th Day of april 1815 as Recorded in the Town Clarks office in Sd Towns reforance thereto being had

Pardon Aldrich } Selectmen
Perley Goddard } Grafton

Fort Harrington } Selectmen
Thomas Harrington Jr } Shrewsbury

a True Copy attst Jon a Wheeler } Town Clerk

Worcester ss (L.S)

To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to vote for Senators or Representatives in General Court to meet at the Town's meting House on Monday the twenty first Day of august Instant at three oclock afternoon to act on the following Question viz Is it expedient that delegates should be Chosen to meet in Convention for the purpose of revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant to Some one of us with your doings thereon at or before the Hour of said meeting — Given under our hands and Seals dated at Grafton this Seventh Day of august AD 1820.

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Peter Harmum
Charles Brigham } Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton 10th august 1820

Persuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as within Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Isaac W. Wood } Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators or Representatives, holden on the twenty first day of august, being the third monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight and twenty, pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, for the Purpose of giving in their votes, by Ballot, on the following Question:

Is it Expedient that delegates Should be Chosen, to meet in Convention, for the purpose of Revising or altering the Constitution of Government of this Commonwealth?

The Whole number of Votes were, in open Town Meeting, received, Sorted, Counted, and declared, and record thereof made as follows:

For the said Measure, there were fifty Votes

And against the said measure there were fifteen Voty

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Peter Harnum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest Jon.a Wheeler } Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

(S S) you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts To Summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town Qualified by law to Vote in Town Meetings to assemble at the Town's Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty first day of august Instant at one O. Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles (viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

Continued on

2nd To Grant money to defray Town Charges the present year

3th To see what the Town will do with the Interest arrising on their Public & Private Securities belonging to the Town, or act thereon as they shall think proper

4th To Grant the Revd John Miles twenty fifth years Salery

5th To Grant Money for Schooling the present year

6th To accept Town Debts

7th To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to make that part of the Road Leading from Millbury to Grafton Meeting House that Lays between Joseph Wood the 3d and Grafton Common or act thereon as they shall think proper

8th To hear the Petition of Dea Timothy Merriam and others in regard to Granting money for the Purpose of supporting a Singing School under the direction of a Committee or act thereon as they shall think Proper

9th To see if the Town will accept a Town way Laid out by the Selectmen Leading by James Wheelers House to the County Road Leading to Upton by said Wheelers Barn and pay the Damages as agreed thirty Dollars or act thereon as they shall think proper

10th To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of the following persons in the Tax bill of Jonathan Hayden Constable for the year 1814 as follows (Viz) John Leland Jun $1-22 Cts Ira Aldrich $1-02 Cts Ebenezer Howland $2-22 Cts Lewis Holden $1-02 Cts Samuel Hayden $1-02 Cts and Reubin White $1-02 Cents or act thereon as they shall think Proper

11th To see if the Town will vote to procure an ox shovel for each district of the Highways & Town ways to be procured by a Committee or otherwise as the Town may think proper.

Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Hour of said meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh Day of august 1820

Royal Keith
Perdon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Charles Brigham
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton 10th august 1820

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town to assemble as within Mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within Mentioned

Isaac W. Wood Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Voteable inhabitants in the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs held at the Town Meting House Pursuant to warning on Monday the twenty first Day of August 1820 at one O Clock in the afternoon - had the following Proceedings

1st By vote Chose Ephraim Goulding Moderator

2d Voted to raise four Hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges the Present Year

3th Voted to appropriate the Interest arrising on their Public and private Securities as the Same was appropriated the last year before

4th Voted to Grant one Hundred & twenty Dollars to Complete the Revd John Miles twenty fifth years Salery

5th Voted to Grant four Hundred Dollars for Schooling the Ensuing Year

Voted to Grant one Hundred Dollars in addition to the four Hundred Dollars previously granted for schooling the Present year

6th no amounts offered

7th Voted to Choose a Committee to build the Road between Joseph Wood 3th and Grafton Common as Expressed in the 7th article

Voted that this Committee Consist of three

By vote Chose — Nathaniel Adams Jun / Charles Leland / Amasa Robert — for sd Committee

8th Voted to pass over the 8th article

9th Voted to pass over the 9th article

10th Voted to abate the tax of John L. Leland in the hands of Jonathan Heyden assessed in 1814 Sum — $1 - 22 Cts

also Samuel Heyden Sum — 1 - 02 Cts

also Reuben White Sum — 1 - 02 Cts

also Ebenezer Howland Sum — 2 - 22 Cts

$5 - 48

11th Voted to Choose a Committee to procure an ox Shovel for each district of Highways & town ways in said Town

voted to have three for a Committee

By vote Chose — Charles Leland / John Bathelor / John Warren — for sd Committee

This Meting adjourned dissolved

Contended for

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of
(L S) Grafton ~~~

Grafton 25th October 1820 Personally appeared Henry P. Warren and was solemnly sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty as one of the Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes the present year according to the Laws in that case in his best Skill and Judgment

attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

Grafton 25th October 1820

Personally appeared Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables and Collectors for the Town of Grafton for the Present year and was Sworn according to Law in Regard to the oath —

attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

We the Subscribers this day met and perambulated and run the Lines between the Towns of Grafton and Upton and renewed the bounds beginning at Westborough Corner and the bounds by a pine Stump North of the County road and the bounds near the Corner of Moses C. Haydens land near the trout hole so Called and the bounds at the Corner of Jon.a Haydens land and the bounds in the Levi Hayward Meadow so Called and the bounds at the Northbridge Corner to the Satisfaction of both Parties —

October 23rd 1820

Ezra Wood
Ward Baker
Pardon Aldrich
Peter Farnum
} Selectmen of Grafton and Upton

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood One of the Constables of the Town of
L.S. Grafton Greeting —

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the Towns meeting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of November next it being the first Monday in said month at one o'Clock in the afternoon to Give in their votes for three Electors of President and Vice President of the United States one for the Worcester South district the remaining two at large agreable to the resolves of the General Court —

Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this warrant to some one of us before the Hour of said meeting with your doings thereon — Given under our hands and Seals, dated at Grafton this twenty fifth day of October 1820

Grafton 27 October 1820
The within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town Qualified as therein Expressed at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned
Isaac W. Wood Constable

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

At a Legal Meeting held by the Inhabitants, Qualified to Vote in the Choice of Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth in the Town of Grafton in the Worcester South district on Monday the Sixth day of November in the Year of our Lord 1820 for the Choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the united States agreable to a resolve of the General Court passed on the fourteenth Day of June last the under named persons had the number of votes Set against their names as followi

Hon Wm Phillips fifty Eight Votes
Hon Wm Gray fifty nine Votes
Hon Benjn W Crowninshield Sixty Votes
Hon Levi Lincoln fifty nine Votes
for Electors at Large
Hon Seth Hastings fifty Eight Votes
Hon Jonas Sibley Sixty Votes
Electors for Worcester South District

Noah Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Peter Harnum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

attest Jon^a Wheeler } Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the
(L.S.) Town of Grafton ——— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton duly Qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the Towns Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of novemb next being the first Monday in Sd month at Two O Clock in the afternoon to give in their Vote for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of

the united States for the Worcester South district

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of ~~them~~ before the hour of said meeting — Given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of October 1820 dated at Grafton

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton 27th October 1820 Pursuant to the Within Warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose Within mentioned

Isaac W. Wood } Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the sixth day of November, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester South district; Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed. To wit;

For Hon. Jonathan Russell fifty six Votes
Hon Seth Hastings forty four Votes
Hon Benjamin Adams Eleven Votes

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Perley Goddard
Peter Harrum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

Attest Jon.a Wheeler } Town Clerk

Greeting

Worcester ss. To Isaac Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to Vote in Town meeting for Choice of Town Officers and other Town affairs to assemble at the Towns meeting House on Monday the fifth day of March next at eleven O. Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

2nd To Choose Town Officers for the present Year

3rd To see How the Town will order the School the Ensuing Year

4th To Grant money to repair the Highways the Ensuing Year and to se what the Town will allow pr day for men & Ox team and Tools

5th To see if the Town will Restrain the running at Large of Neat Cattle and Horses the Ensuing Year or act thereon as they shall think proper

6th To ascertain Town debts

7th To hear and accept the report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they shall think proper

8th To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they shall think proper

Ninth Article To see if the Town will Choose an agent to oppose the Contemplated Road through part of Grafton Northbridge and Uxbridge leading to providence (R.I) or act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the hour of 1st meeting with your doings thereon

Given under our hands and Seals dated at Grafton this nineteenth day of February A.D. 1821

Royal Keith
Pardon Aldrich
Peerley Goddard
Peter Farnum
Charles Brigham
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duely notified the Inhabatants of said Town Qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned in Grafton 21st Feby 1821 — Isaac W. Wood {Constable

At a legal meeting of the Votable Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton held at the Town's Meeting House in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March A. D. 1821 at Eleven O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of Choosing Town officers and for other Town affairs. (the following proceedings were had viz)

By Vote Chose Capt. Ephm Goulding Moderator

Voted to have five Selectmen the present year

By Vote Chose { Capt. Ephm Goulding, Josephus Willard, Silas Forbush, Clark Brown, George Putman } Selectmen

By Vote Chose Jona Wheler Town Clerk

By Vote Chose Charles Leland one of the Selectmen in the room of Ephraim Goulding who declined serving

By Vote Chose Samuel Wood Town Treasurer

Ninth Artitle Voted to Choose an agent to oppose a road Contemplated through part of Grafton Northbridge and Uxbridge leading to providence (R I) agreable to said artitle

By Vote Chose John Warren for said agent

Voted to adjourn this Meting to monday the 12th day of March Instant at one O. Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this Place

Ephm Goulding } Moderator

Grafton 12th March 1821 Then Personally appeared Timothy Merriam Junr and Simon B. Whipple and were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Duty as Hog Reeves the Ensuing year also Personally appeared Nathan Hancock and was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his Duty as one of the Highway Surveyors Collectors of Highway taxes the Present year

attest Jona Wheler } T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Towns Meeting House on Monday the twelfth day of March A.D. 1821 at one O. Clock P.M. by adjournment from the fifth day of the same March - The proceedings of the former Meeting being Read, the following additional proceedings were had (viz.) -

By vote Chose Col. Cyrus Seland Selectman in the room of Silas Forbush declined Serving

By vote Chose Elijah Case Selectman in the room of George Putnam declined Serving

Voted to have three assessors the present year -

By vote Chose { Albert Stone, Charles Prentice, Joseph Bruce } assessors

Voted to have Two Constables and Collectors of Taxes the Present year

By vote Chose Nathaniel Adams Jun^{r} Constable and Collector of Taxes for the North side of said Town

By vote Chose Tarrant Meriam Constable and Collector of Taxes for the South side of said Town

Voted To accept of Isaac W. Wood Constable and Collector of Taxes the Present year in the room of Nathaniel Adams Jun^{r}, He procuring Bonds agreeable to a vote of the Town heretofore

Voted to Choose the remainder of the Town officers by hand Vote

By vote Chose { Joseph Prentice, Nathan Hancock, Paul Farnum, Salmon Hathaway, Moses H. Adams, Cyrus Seland, and Joshua Harrington } Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes

Voted To have Two fence Viewers the Present year

By vote Chose { Samuel Hall Jun^{r} & Liberty Wood } fence viewers

Continued over

Voted To have one Sealer of Leather the present year

By Vote Royal Keith Sealer of Leather

Voted To have one Sealer of Lumber the Present year

By Vote Chose Perley Goddard Sealer of Lumber

Voted To have thirteen Hog Reeves the Present year

By vote Chose
- Daniel Cutler
- Tebulon Daniels
- Timothy Merriam jun^{r}
- Liberty Wood
- Peter Farnum jun^{r}
- Jon^{a} Whipple
- Simon B. Whipple
- Wm. T. Levare

} Hog Reeves

- Martin Wheeler
- Joseph H. Muzzy
- Emery Singletary
- Joseph Kimball
- Aaron Stow

Voted to have Two Tything men the Present year

By vote Chose
- Timothy Fisher
- Isaiah Fairbanks

} Tything men

Voted to have four field Drivers the present year

By Vote Chose
- John Sherman
- Charles Cleveland
- Robert M Holbrook
- Henry P. Warren

} field Drivers

By vote Chose Joseph Wood pound Keeper the Present year

3^{ly} Voted to order the Schools by a Committe of nine men

By Vote Chose
- Pardon Aldrich
- Leonard Wheelock
- Tebulon Daniels
- Jon^{a} Wadsworth
- Josiah Brown
- Thaddeus Read Jun^{r}
- Enoch Forbush jun^{r}
- Levi Goddard

} School Committee

Continued up

Continued

4th Voted To Grant Eight Hundred Dollars for Repair of Highways The Present year

Voted To allow the Same for Labour for man oxen & Tools as the Last year

5th Voted To restrain Neat Cattle and Horses from Running at Large the Present year

6th Voted To accept Samuel Woods account for Keeping the Treasury of the Town for the yr 1820 — $6-50

Voted To accept Gardon Aldrich's account for Perambulating Town line — 1-50

Voted To accept Peter Harmons account for perambulating a Line on the Town — 75

Voted To accept Perley Goddard's account for perambulating Town Line — 75

Voted To accept Nathaniel Adams Just account as assessor for making & Copying Inventort 20 — $9-00

7th Voted To accept the Town Treasurer's Report ~~Keeping the Treasury the yeer Past~~ — ~~1 50~~

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to Monday the second Day of April Next at five O. Clock in the afternoon then to Meet at this Place

Chs Goulding {Moderator

Grafton 20th March 1821 Personally appeared Samuel Wood and was sworn to the faithfull & impartial Discharge of his Duty as town Treasurer for the Town of Grafton the Present year. agreeable to the Laws of this Commonwealth in his best Skill & Judgment

Attest Wm A Wheeler {Town Clerk

Grafton 19th March 1827 Personally appeared Moses H. Adams and was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of his Duty as one of the Highway Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Present Year in his best Skill & Judgment. Jon[a] Wheeler Town Clerk

To Isaac W Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

(L.S.) Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the male Inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton of twenty one Years of age and upwards having a freehold Estate within the Commonwealth of the anual income three pound or any estate to the value of Sixty pound to meet at the Towns meeting House in Grafton on monday the second Day of April next at one of the Clock P.M. To Give in their votes for Governour Lieutenant Governour Senators and Counsellors agreable to the Constitution of s[d] Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seals at Grafton this 19th Day of March A.D 1821

Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Cyrus Leland
Elijah Case
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the Within Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants as within directed to meet at the time and Place and for the purposes Within Mentioned —

Grafton 20[th] March 1821 Isaac W. Wood Constable

Worcester ss. 2[d] April 1821 personally appeared Josephus Willard Clark Brown Charles Leland Cyrus Leland and Elijah Case and were Solemnly Sworn to the faithfull and impartial discharge of their duty as Selectmen of the Town of Grafton the Ensuing Year in regard to all Elections and Returns thereof according to the laws of this Commonwealth in their best Skill & Judgment.

Before me Jon[a] Wheeler } Justice of the Peace

a True Copy
attest Jon[a] Wheeler } Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor, holden on the Second day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty one for the Purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth, The Whole number of Votes given in, were Sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof Made, as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following Persons viz

For Governor
- His Excellency John Brooks Seventy Eight Votes
- Hon.d William Eustis Eighty nine Votes

For Lieutenant Governor
- Hon William Phillips Seventy nine Votes
- Hon Levi Lincoln Eighty four Votes

Joseph Willard
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Cyrus Leland
Elijah Case
Selectmen of Grafton

Attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

Grafton 2.d April 1821 Personally appeared Albert Stone Charles Prentice & Joseph Bruce and were Sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duty in making all assessment and apportionment of Taxes agreeable to Law in their Best Skill & Judgment

Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the Second day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and twenty one, for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of the County of Worcester. The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, Counted, recorded, and Declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution directed and were for the following Persons —

Hon Hon Aaron Tufts Seventy eight votes
Gen. Salem Town Junr Seventy eight votes
John Shipley Esqr Seventy eight votes
Nathaniel Jones Esqr Seventy eight votes
Hon Jonas Sibley Eighty nine votes
Warren Rawson Esqr Eighty nine votes
James Caterbooks Esqr Eighty nine votes
David Wadsworth Eighty eight votes
Moses Thomas one vote

Josephus Willard
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Cyrus Leland
Elijah Case
} Selectmen of Grafton

attest Jona Wheeler Town Clerk

To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton - Greeting
(L S). You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote for representatives to meet at the Towns meeting house in Grafton on monday the second day of April next at three of the O. Clock P. M. to Give in their Votes for a County register - - ———————

Given under our hands and seals at Grafton this 19th Day of March A.D. 1821 ——— ———

Clark Brown
Charles Seland
Cyrus Seland
Elijah Case
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town as within directed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned Grafton 20 March 1821 ———

Isaac W. Wood } Constable

The above Warrant Was Read with the Return thereon at the Place appointed on the 2d day of April 1821. attest Jon.a Wheeler } Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Towns Meeting House on Monday the second day of April A.D. 1821 at five O. Clock P. M. by adjournment of the annual March meeting from the 12th Day of March last the proceedings of the former meeting being Read the following additional Proceedings were had (Viz)

After Reading a Warrant from under the hands & seal of the Selectmen that had been Previously read before the Town duly Returned by the Constable Calling on those Qualified to Vote for representatives to Gever in their Votes for a County Register - On motion seconded the Town Chose by hand vote Capt. Ephraim Goulding the then Moderator of the annual Meeting to Receive Sort Count and declare the Votes Given in for County Register - the result was determined by him in Presence of the Selectmen and Town Clerk as follows (Viz)

For the Hon.r Oliver Fish thirteen Votes
For Mr. Artemas Ward one Hundred and Ten Votes

8th Article Voted not to accept the Report of the Selectmen for the Year Past ——— ———

6 article Voted to accept the account of the Committee Charles Seland Chairman for Procuring Seven Ox Shovels for said Town Sum one Hundred Dollars & Eleven Cts. $100-11

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Voted to allow Capt John warrens account as agent in defence of a Contemplated Road leading through Part of Grafton Northbridge and ex-bridge leading to Providence (R.I.) Sum forty one dollars & Eight cents $41.84

Voted to allow the account of Amasa Roberts Esqr as an assessor for making taxes for the year 1820 Sum five Dollars ——— $5—

2dly Voted Chose Benjamin Lathe Junr one of the School Committee in the room of Capt Lebulon Daniels declined Serving

This meeting dissolved

Epthm Goulding } Moderator

L.S. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton
L.S.

L.S. You are hereby required in the name of the Common-
L.S. wealth of Massachusetts to warne the male Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for Senators and Representatives in the General Court to assemble at the Town meting house in in Grafton on Monday the ninth Day of April next at one O'clock P.M. for the purpose of Giving in there Vote, for and against the adoption of the ~~Constitution~~ Amendments of the Constitution agreeable to an order of the Convention Assembled at Boston for the purpose of Revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth on the third Wednesday Novr last past. Given under our hands and Seales This 19th Day of March A.D. 1821 at Grafton

Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Cyrus Leland
Elijah Case } Selectmen of Grafton

Persuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the said Town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Grafton 31st March 1821 Isaac W. Wood Constable

Grafton 9th April 1821 Personally appeared Isaac W. Wood and Jarrard Meriam & were Seperately Sworn as Constables for the Town the Ensuing year according to law. attest Jon a Wheler Town Clerk

Grafton 9th April 1821 Personally appeared ~~Cyrus Leland~~ one of the Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes the present year and was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of his duty according to his best Skill & Judgment attest Jon a Wheler } Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Town of Grafton County of Worcester

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to Vote for Senators or Representatives, holden on the second Monday of April, A.D. 1821, pursuant to a Resolution of the Convention of delegates, assembled at Boston, on the 15th November, A.D. 1820, for the purpose of revising the Constitution of the Commonwealth, —

the votes on the several amendments submitted by the Convention were as follows:

Article first	three	yeas one Hundred & forty Seven	Nays
article Second	Nineteen	yeas one Hundred & thirty one	nays
article third	Twenty Two	yeas one Hundred & twenty Eight	nays
article fourth	Twenty ~~Two~~	yeas one Hundred & thirty	nays
article fifth	one	yea one Hundred & fifty	nays
article Sixth	~~Twenty~~ three	yeas one Hundred & ~~twenty~~ Six	Nays
article Seventh	Nineteen	yeas one Hundred & thirty one	Nays
article Eight	Thirty Nine	yeas one Hundred & Nine	nays
article Ninth	Eighteen	~~yeas~~ one Hundred & thirty	nays
article Tenth	Thirteen	yeas one Hundred & thirty Nine	Nays
article Eleventh	Twenty Six	yeas one Hundred & twenty four	nays
article Twelveth	Twenty Two	yeas one Hundred & twenty Seven	Nays
article Thirteenth	Twenty four	yeas one Hundred & twenty five	Nays
article fourteenth	four	yeas one Hundred & forty five	Nays

Joseph Willard, Clark Brown, Charles Leland, Cyrus Leland, Elijah Case — Selectmen of Grafton

attest Jon^{a} Wheeler Town Clerk

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To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton & Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town qualified to vote in Town Meeting to vote in Town affairs on Monday the Ninth Day of April next at four O'Clock P. M. to act upon the following Articles (viz^{t}) —

1st To Chuse a Moderator to regulate Sd Meeting —

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2nd. To see if the Town will except of the Laying out of a Town way by the Selectmen near Mr James Wheelers agreeable to a Petition of Nathaniel Adams Esqr and others — Given under our hand and Seales this twenty fourth Day of March A.D. 1821. Josephus Willard, Clark Brown, Charles Leland, Cyrus Leland, Elijah Case } Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the Within Warrant I have Warned the Inhabitants of the said Town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes Within Mentioned. Isaac W. Wood } Constable
Grafton 31st March 1821 —

At a legal meeting of the Votable Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton held at the Towns meeting House on Monday the ninth Day of April A.D. 1821 at four O'Clock in the afternoon Pursuant to warning. the following Proceedings wer had (Viz) —

By vote Chose Josephus Willard Moderator

voted to accept the Lay out of a Town way through James Wheelers land near said Wheelers House by the Selectmen on the Petition of Nathaniel Adams Esqr and others the Town Paying twenty one Dollars Damage as agreed by the parties. This Meeting dissolved

Josephus Willard } Moderator

~~Lay out~~

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Grafton have this twenty fourth day of March 1821 laid out a road or way through Mr James Wheelers land as follows (Viz). Beginning at a Stake twenty three links Easterly from Sd Wheelers Corn Barn by a Town way, then South thirty six degrees East Nine Rods to a bend in the wall then South Eleven degrees East thirty three Rods & Nine links to the County Road, said road or way is lying East of said lines and is forty three links wide Containing Seventy two & a half Rods of land —

Josephus Willard
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Cyrus Leland
Elijah Case

To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting
You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of said Town, being twenty one Years of age and resident in said Town for the Space of one Year next preceding —

having a Freehold Estate within said Town of the Annual income of three pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty pounds to meet at Grafton Meting House on the fourteenth day of May at Three O, Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of Choosing one Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next

Given under our hands and Seals at said Grafton the thirtieth day of April 1821

Josephus Willard
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Elijah Case
Jonas Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Persuant to the Within Warrant I have duly Warned the male inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as within directed to meet at the time and Place and for the purpose within Mentioned

Isaac W Wood Constable

Grafton 4th May 1821

At a legal Meting of the Votable Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton pursuant to Warning held on Monday the Fourteenth day of May A D 1821 at three O Clock in the afternoon the following Proceding were had viz

on Motion made and Seconded Voted Not to Send a Representative the Present year

Grafton 30th May 1821 Personally appeared Paul Farnum and was Sworn to the faithfull & impartial discharge of his Duty as one of the Highway Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Town of Grafton the ensuing year agreable to Law in this behalf Called & Judgment

Attest Jon a Wheler Town Clerk

Grafton 20th August 1821 Personally appeared Albert Stone Charles Prentice and Joseph Bruce Chosen as assessors for the Town of Grafton the Present Year and were Sworn to the faithful Discharge of their Duty agreeable to a law passed by the General Court and approved by the Governor —
February 13th 1821

attest Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

Worcester ss. (L S) To Isaac N. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to assemble at the Towns Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the twenty ninth Instant at Two o Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (viz) ——

1st To Chuse a Moderator to regulate sd meeting
2nd To Grant Money to defray Town Charges the Present year
3d To See What the Town will do with the Interest arising on their Publick and Private Securities or act thereon as they shall think proper
4th To Grant the Revd John Miles 26th years sallery
5th To Grant money for the Support of School the Present Year
6th To Except Town debt.

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of sd meeting Given under our hands and Seals at Grafton this 15th day of august A D 1821

Josiphus Willard
Cyrus Leland
Elijah Case
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton august 16th 1821 Pursuant to the Within Warrant I have duely notified the inhabitants of said Town Qualified as Within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes Within mentioned —

Isaac N. Wood } Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Votable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Town's Meeting House pursuant to warning on Wednesday the twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1821 at two O. Clock in the afternoon the following Proceedings were had (viz) —

1st By Vote Chose Josephus Willard Moderator —

2nd By Vote Granted three Hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges the present year —

3rd By Vote appropriated the Interest arrising on the Public fund private Securities the same as it was the last year —

4th By Vote Granted one Hundred & twenty five Dollars to Compleat the Revd John Miles twenty Sixth years Sallery —

5th Article By Vote Granted five Hundred Dollars for Schooling the Present Year —

6th Artule No account Presented —

This Meeting dissolved

Josephus Willard Moderator.

Grafton Sept. 19 1821 We the Selectmen of Grafton & Westborough this day met and have preambulated the line & renewed the bounds between the two Towns as follow - Beginning at a Stump & Stones on Aaron Kimball's land thence to a stump & Stones in the wall thence to a heap of Stones near the County Road, thence by an orchard to a heap of Stones, thence Southerly near to Wildcat Swamp but the bounds near a White oak Tree could not be found, thence easterly through Wild Cat Swamp to a heap of Stones in an old Brush fence, thence Easterly to a Stake in the wall between lands of Benja Nurse & David Whitney, thence to a heap of Stones between lands of Benja Nurse & Samuel Grout which is the Northeast Corner of Grafton, thence Southerly across the Great Road to a heap of Stones on a large rock thence Southerly to a heap of Stones by the road leading to Joseph Whitneys - thence by said road to a heap of Stones by the Corner of John Frays pasture —

Continued over on the other side

(Continued from the other side)——
Thence southerly to a heap of stones by a Clump of bushes in Joseph Whitneys land - thence Southerly to a heap of stones by corner of a Wood lot, thence by heaps of stones to Upton & Westboro corner near the road from Thos Twitchels to Grafton

Asaph Warren } Selectmen of
Silas Wesson } Westboro.
Josiphus Willard } Selectmen
Cyrus Leland } of Grafton

Grafton 24th October 1821 Personally appeared Nathaniel Adams Junr and was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of his duty as Sealer of weights & Measures agreable to the laws of this Commonwealth in his Best Skill and Judgment——

Attest Jon.a Wheler } Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables for the Town
(L.S.) of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote for Representatives, to meet at the Town's Meeting House on Monday the twelfth day of November next at one O'Clock in the afternoon, to Give in their Votes for a County Register To Such Persons as the Town Shall designate by Vote to receive Sort and Count the Same Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hand and Seal this thirtieth day of October A.D. 1821

Josiphus Willard } Selectmen
Clark Brown
Cyrus Leland } of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton 31st October 1821
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Isaac W. Wood } Constable.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, qualified by law to Vote in the Choice of a Register of Deeds, holden at said Grafton in pursuance of the above Warrant, on the Twelveth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty one: — The said Inhabitant brought in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for said County of Worcester; and the same being Sorted and Counted, in open Town meeting by the Selectmen who were Chosen for that purpose, it appeared that the Names of the Persons voted for, and the number of Votes for each Person, were as follows; Viz —

For Oliver Fisk Esqr three Votes
Jonas Sibley Esqr Two Votes
Artemas Ward Seventy six Votes

Josephus Willard
Clark Brown
Cyrus Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest Jon[a] Wheelock Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by law to vote in Town meetings to assemble at the Town's meeting House in said Town on Monday the twelveth day of November next at Two O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz —

First To Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

Second To hear the Petition of Albert Hone and others to see if the Town will vote to Choose one or more persons as agent or Agents to Petition at the next session of the General Court of this Commonwealth for a law to be passed prohibiting the Taking of fish by Seins or Nets in the Ponds Rivers or Brooks within the Town of Grafton or act thereon as they shall think proper

Third to see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen Lodging at the Annual Meeting in March last or act thereon as they shall think proper

Fourth To accept Town Debts. Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of said meeting — Given under our hands and Seal this Thirtieth day of October A. D. 1821

Josephus Willard
Clark Brown
Cyrus Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton 31st October 1821 Persuant to the within Warrant I have Warned the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Isaac W. Wood Constable

At a legal meeting of the Votable Inhabitant of the Town of Grafton held at the Town's Meeting on Monday the Twelvth Day of November 1821 at Two O'Clock in the afternoon Pursuant to Warning the following proceedings were had (Viz) ——

first By vote Chose Josephus Willard Moderator

Second Voted to Choose one Man as agent to petition in behalf of the Town at the next Session of the General Court of this Commonwealth for a law to be passed prohibiting the taking of fish by Seins or Nets in the Ponds Rivers or Brook within the Town of Grafton agreeable to the Second Article in the Warrant for this Meeting

By vote Chose Jonathan Wheeler for said agent

Third voted to accept the Selectmens report Ending at the annual Meeting in March last

fourth Voted to accept the account of John Warren as agent for the Town for Cash Expended in opposing the road laid out through Part of Grafton Northbridge and Uxbridge leading to Providence at the last Court of Sessions Twenty Dollars $20

Grafton 22nd December 1821 Then personally appeared Moses Adams and was Sworn that he had faithfully & impartially performed the duties of one of the Highway Surveyors Collectors of Highway Taxes for the year 1820 for the Town of Grafton according to law of this Commonwealth in his best Skill & Judgment.

Attest Jona Wheeler Town Clerk

L. S) To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of Grafton — Greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other In-
habitants of sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meting for
Choice of Towne offices and other Towne affairs to assemble at the
Towns meting house on Monday the fourth Day of March next
at Eleven O Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles —
(Viz) — 1st To Choose a Moderator to regulate sd Meting
2d To Choose Town offices for the Presint Year
3d To see how the Town will order the School the Ensewing year
4th To Grant money for the repairs of Highways the Ensewing Year
and see What sd Town will Allow a man oxen and Tool per day
5th To see if the Town will restraine the running at Large of
Neat Cattle and horses the Ensuing Year or act there on
as they Shall think prosper
6th To hear and Except the report of the Town Treasurer or
act thereon as they Shall think prosper
7th To hear and Except the report of the Selectmen or act as
they think prosper
8th To see if the Town will approve of the Overseers of the poor
supporting sd Towns poor by selling them at public auc-
tion to the Lowest Bidder or act thereon as they shall think
prosper
9th To Except Town Debt
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your
doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of sd Meting
Given under our hands and seal this Eighteenth Day of
February A D. 1822

Josephus Willard
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Cyrus Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton 20th Feby 1822
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly Notifyed
the Inhabitants of sd Town Qualified as within mentioned
to Meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned —

Isaac W. Wood Constable

At a legal meeting of the Voteable Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton held at the Town's Meting House in said Town on Monday the fourth day of March A.D. 1822 at Eleven O'Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of Choosing Town officers and for other Town affairs pursuant to warning (the following proceedings were had viz)

1st By vote Chose Ephraim Goulding Moderator

2nd Voted to have five Selectmen the present year

By vote Chose { Josephus Willard Who dellined serving / Col. Cyrus Leland / Clark Brown / Capt Charles Leland / Isaac W. Wood / Charles Prentice } Selectmen

By vote Chose Jon.a Wheeler Town Clerk

By Vote Chose Samuel Wood Town Treasurer

Voted to have three assessors the Present year

By vote Chose { Albert Stone / Joseph Brown } assessors

By Vote adjourned this Meting to Tuesday the nineteenth day of March Instant at one O'Clock in the afternoon then to met at this place.

Ephm. Goulding { Moderator

To Jon.a Wheeler Esqr Town Clerk Sir The following persons were taxed as Non-residents to repair the School house in the George Hill district So Called (viz) Lovel Baker of Upton Twenty Two Cents & Deac.n Enoch Batchelor of Do fifty five Cents Grafton 27th Feb 1822

Albert Stone / Charles Prentice / Joseph Brown } assessors for the Town of Grafton

A True Copy attest Jon.a Wheeler { Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Votable inhabitants in the Town of Grafton held at the Town's Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Nineteenth day of March A.D. 1822 at one O.Clock in the afternoon pursuant to Adjournment from the fourth day of March Instant the following additional Proceedings were had (Viz)

By Vote Chose Austin Holbrook assessor

Voted to have Two Constables Collectors of Taxes the present year

By Vote Chose Gabriel F. Wheler Constable and Collector of Taxes for the North Side of Sd Town

By Vote Chose Timothy Merriam Junr Constable & Collector for the South Side of said Town

Voted to Choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand Vote

Voted to have Eight Highway Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes the present year

By Vote Chose { Nathaniel Adams Junr, Rufus Prentice, Joshua W. Leland, Jona Whipple, Pardon Aldrich, Joseph Whitney, Albert Stone, Joseph Goddard } Highway Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes

Voted to have Two fence Viewers the Present Year

By Vote Chose { Henry P. Warren, Hhamer Stow } fence viewers

By vote Chose Royal Keith Sealer of Leather

By vote Chose Perley Goddard Sealer of Lumber

Voted to have Thirteen Hog Reeves the Present Year

By Vote Chose { Joseph Flagg, Moses Hayden Jun, Joseph B Duncan, Phillip Wing, Moses H. Adams, Paul Wing, Silas Hortbush Jun, John Kimball, Abiel W Paine, Judson B. Clap, Lucas Chamberlain, Samuel C Bennett, Holland Granwood } Hog Reeves

Voted to have Two Tything men the Present year

By Vote Chose { Isaiah Hartshorn / Timothy Fisher } Tything men

Voted to have Two field Drivers the Present year.

By Vote Chose { Leonard Wheelock / Abner Stow } field Drivers

By Vote Chose Samuel Hall junr pound Keeper —

3rd Art. Voted to order the Schools by a Committee of nine men one of whom to be in each School district —

By Vote Chose { Samuel Wood, Cyrus Leland, Joshua W. Leland, Luke Leland, Joseph Goddard, Ephm H. Wheler, Samuel P. Leland, Ephm Goulding, Jonas Greenwood } for said Committee

4th Art. Voted To Grant Eight Hundred Dollars to repair Highways the Present year Voted to allow men one dollar per day oxen fifty Cents & for Tools what the Surveyors think proper according to the use made

5th Art. Voted restrain neat Cattle from running at large the present year

6th Art. Voted to accept the Report of the Town Treasurer for the year Past

8th Art. Voted to have the Selectmen Put the poor out to Board at vendue to the lowest Bidder or by Private agreement as they may think proper

9th Art. Voted to accept the account of Samuel Wood for Keeping the Treasury the Year Passed — $6 - 50

Voted to accept the account of Albert Stone assessor for Taking Valuation & making Taxes for the year Passed — 33 - 75

Voted to accept the account of Charles Prentice assessor for Taking Valuation and making Taxes the year passed 39 - 25

Voted To accept the account of Joseph Bruce assessor for making Taxes & Taking Valuation the year passed — 36 - 25

Voted to accept the account of Cyrus Leland for Perambulating the Line between Grafton & Westborough and for Journey to Worcester & Time Spent in Getting Rid of Susan Aaron a pauper — 2 - 75

Voted to accept the account of Josephus Willard for Perambulating the Line between Grafton & Westborough and money & Time Spent in Getting rid of Susan Aaron a pauper — $3 - 25

Voted to accept the account of Jonathan Wheler for Collecting & filing old Copies of Taxes — 2 —

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to monday the first Day of April next at five o'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place

Ephm Goulding Moderator

Know All men by these presents, that we John Thurston and Daniel Thurston both of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman — in Consideration of Thirty Eight Dollars and thirty three Cents, paid by James Wheler of the Same Grafton County & Commonwealth aforesaid ——— yeoman, The Receipt Whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give Grant Sell and Convey unto the Said James Wheler his Heirs and assigns a Certain Pew in the Town's Meeting House on the lower floor No. 15 being a Wall Pew on the South or front side of Said Meeting House in Grafton — To have and To hold the aforegranted premises to the Said James Wheler his Heirs, and assigns, to him and his use and behoof forever. And we do, for Ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and ~~Assigns~~ ~~To him and his heirs~~ Administrators Covenant with the Said James Wheler his Heirs and assigns, That we are lawfully Seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; That they are free of all Incumbrances; Except the Town of Grafton aforesaid right to use the Same for a Town House. That we have good Right to Sell and Convey the Same to the Said James Wheler and That we will warrant and defend the Same premises to the Said James Wheler his Heirs and assigns forever, against the Lawful Claims and demands of all persons. In Witness Whereof, we the Said John Thurston and Daniel Thurston together with our wives Susanna and Rosanna in token of their Relinquishment of Dower or Power of Third have hereunto set our hand and Seal this fifth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two —

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in Presence of us
John C. Thurston
Amasa Roberts

John Thurston (L S)
Daniel Thurston (L S)
Susannah Thurston (L S)
Rosanna Thurston (L S.)

Worcester ss March 18th 1822 Then the above-named John Thurston & Daniel Thurston acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free act and deed — before me

Amasa Roberts { Jus. of Peace.

Grafton 25th March 1822 Then personally appeared Joseph Whitney and was Sworn to the faithful Discharge of his duty as one of the Highway Surveyors and Collector of Highway Taxes for the Town of Grafton the Present year

Grafton 25th March 1822 Then personally appeared Joshua W. Leland and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty as one of the Highway Surveyors and Collector of Highway Taxes for the Town of Grafton the Present year

Grafton 29th March 1822 Then Personally appeared Rufus Prentice and was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty as one of the Highway Surveyors Collector of Highway Taxes for the Town of Grafton the present year

To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn the Male inhabitants of the Said Town of Grafton qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governour Lieutenant Governour Counsellors and Senators to meet at the Towns meeting house in Grafton on monday the first day of April next at Two O'Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Governour Lieutenant Governour Senators and Counsellors agreeable to the Constitution of Said Commonwealth - Hereof fail not and Make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of Said Meeting -

Given under our hands this Nineteenth Day of March A.D. 1822

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton 22d March 1822

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Said Town Qualified as Therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes Within mentioned —

Isaac W. Wood } Constable

Worcester ss. 1st April 1822 Then Personally appeared Cyrus Leland Clark Brown Charles Leland Isaac W. Wood & Charles Prentice and were Solimnly Sworn to the faithfull And impartial discharge of their duty as Selectmen of the Town of Grafton the ensuing year in Regard to all Elections and returns thereof according to the laws of this Commonwealth in that behalf. Bill and Judgment

A true Copy Attest Jon^{a} Wheeler } Town Clerk } Before me Jon^{a} Wheeler } Justice of the Peace

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the first day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty Two for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth. The Whole Number of Votes Given in were Sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following Persons

For Governor
- His Excly John Brooks Eighty Eight Votes
- Hon.r William Eustis Eighty four Votes

For Lieutenant Governor,
- Hon.r William Phillips Eighty Eight Votes
- Hon.r Levi Lincoln Eighty Votes

Selectmen of Grafton
- Cyrus Leland
- Clark Brown
- Charley Leland
- Isaac W Wood
- Charles Denton

attest Jon.a Wheeler 2d Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Senators and Counsellors, holden on the first day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the Year of our lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty Two for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Worcester County The Whole number of Votes given in were sorted Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof Made, as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following Persons

For Hon^{r} Aaron Tufts Eighty Eight Votes
Hon^{r} Salem Town jun^{r} Eighty four Votes
Hon Nathaniel Jones Eighty seven Votes
Hon Benjamin Adams Eighty Seven Votes
Hon Stephen P. Gardner Eighty Seven Votes
Hon Jonas Sibley Eighty four Votes
Edmund Cushing Esqr Eighty four Votes
James Eastabrook Esqr Eighty four Votes
Warren Rawson Esqr Eighty four Votes
David Wadsworth Esqr Eighty four Votes
Salem Town four Votes
James Sibley one Vote

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Isaac W Wood
Charles Prentice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest Jona Wheeler Town Clerk

To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton greeting
You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meeting House in Grafton on Monday the first Day of April next at four of the Clock in the afternoon for the following purposes (Viz)
1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting —
2d To see if the Town procure one or more Shovel for the use of the Center Highway District or act thereon as they

shall think proper agreeable to the request of Samuel Wood and others

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of sd Meeting

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of March 1822

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentiss
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton 22nd March 1822

Persuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the sd Town as within expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Isaac W. Wood Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton duly qualified to vote in Town affairs at the Town's Meeting House in said Town on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1822 at four o'clock in the afternoon Pursuant to Warning the following Proceedings were had (Viz)

1st Article By Vote Chose Cyrus Leland Moderator of said meeting

2nd Article on the Petition of Samuel Wood and others for the Town to procure an ox Shovel for the Contemplated New Highway district Voted to Choose a Committee to procure sd Shovel

Voted that this Committee Consist of one man

By Vote Chose Nathaniel Adams Junr for said Committee man

At a legal Meeting of the Votable Inhabitants, in the Town of Grafton held at the Town's Meeting-House in said Town on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1822 at five o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to an adjournment from an adjourned Meeting held on the Nineteenth day of March last past the following additional proceedings were had after reading the former proceedings on the adjournment (Viz)

7th Article Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen for the year Past

Voted to Reconsider the Vote on the 8th Article as passed at this Division adjournment

Voted To pass over the Eighth Article in the Warrant for the March Meeting of which this meeting is an adjournment

This Meeting Dissolved

Grafton 27th April 1822 Personally appeared Timothy Merriam Jun.r and was Sworn as one of the Constables and Collectors of Taxes for the Town of Grafton the Present year as the Law requires

Grafton 29th April 1822 Personally appeared Samuel Wood and was Solemnly Sworn to the faithful Discharge of his duty as Town Treasurer for the Town of Grafton the Present year agreable to the Laws of this Commonwealth in his Best Skill & Judgment

Grafton 14th May 1822 Personally appeared Gabriel F. Wheeler and was Sworn as one of the Constables and Collectors of Taxes for the Town of Grafton as the Law requires in Said oath

Grafton 3th June 1822 Personally appeared Nathaniel Adams Jun.r and was Solemnly Sworn to the faithful & impartial discharge of his duty as one of the Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Present year according to Law in his best Skill & Judgement

Grafton 24th September 1822 Personally appeared Jonathan Whipple and was Solemnly Sworn to the faithfull & impartial discharge of his duty as one of the Surveyors & Collectors of Highway Taxes for the Present year according to Law in his best Skill & Judgment

Grafton 13th December 1822 Personally appeared Abner Howe one of the field drivers for the town of Grafton the Present year and was Solemnly Sworn to the faithful and impartial performance of his duty according to the Laws of this Commonwealth in his best Skill & Judgment

To Timothy Meriam Jr one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town meeting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of May next at one O. Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles (Viz) 1st To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2d To hear the request of Tarrant Meriam in regard to being annext to the Town of Grafton or act thereon as they Shall think proper

hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings to Some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting Given under hands this twenty Second Day of April Eighteen Hundred and Twenty two

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Isaac W. Wood
Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town as within directed to met at the time and place and for purpose within direct

April 27th 1822 Timothy Meriam Jr. Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Voteable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Towns Meeting House on Monday the Sixth day of May A.D. 1822 one O. Clock in the afternoon pursuant to Warning. The following Proceding were had (Viz)

Article first By vote Chose Cyrus Leland Moderator

article Second On the request of Tarrant to be received with his Estate as an inhabitant of the Town of Grafton

Whenever the General Court Shall pass an act Setting his Estate from the Town of Shrewsbury to said Grafton Voted to pass over said Article

Grafton 6th May 1822 Personally Albert Stone Joseph Bruce and Austin Holbrook assessors for the Town of Grafton the present and were sworn to Saw to act Equally and impartially in their best Skill and judgement in assessing and apportioning all State rates & Taxes as they according to Law Shall be directed

To Mr Timothy Merriam Jr one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton ——— Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and Warn the male Inhabitants of the sd Town of Grafton Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives; to meet at the towns meting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth day of May next at three O Clock in the afternoon, for the purpos of Choosing one Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of may next

Given under our hands this twenty Second day of April Eighten Hundred and Twenty Two ———

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant to Sum one of us at or before the hour of sd Meting

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Benton
Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town as within directed to meet at the time and place and for Purpos within directed

Timothy Merriam Jr Constable

April 27th 1822

At a legal Meting of the male ~~Votable~~ Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held on the Sixth Day of May A. D. 1822 at three O Clock in the afternoon pursuant to warning for the Choice of a representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday in May Instant

The following proceedings were had

Voted Not to send a Representative

Worcester ss To Gabriel F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meeting, to assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty Sixth day of August Currant at 2. O. Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles, Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2d To See what the Town will do with the Interest arising on their Public and private Securities or act thereon as they Shall think proper

3d To Grant money to defrey Town Charges the present year

4th To Grant the Revd John Mills twenty Seventh years Sallery

5th To Grant Money for the Support of Schooling the present year

6th By request of John Warren & others to See if the Town will appoint an agent to prosecute a Petition for a writ of Certairari now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Worcester Instituted to Quash the proceedings of the Court of Sessions in laying out a Highway through Grafton Northerly to Uxbridge - or act thereon as they Shall think proper.

7th To See if the Town will accept of a lay out of a road by the Selectmen from near Jonathan Stow's to Intersect with a road laid out by the Selectmen of the Town of Upton and allow Jon.a Stow fifty Cents per Rod for damage for land and fencing or act thereon as they shall think proper

8th To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to assist the Town Treasurer in renewing the Towns Securities or act thereon as they Shall think proper

over

9th To see if the Town will accept of the persons whose names are Exhibited by the Selectmen for Jurors or act thereon as they shall think proper

10th To accept Town debts

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said Meeting — Given under our hands this tenth day of august Eighteen Hundred & twenty two

Cyrus Leland
Charly Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charly Prentice
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton 10th august 1822

Persuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, as within directed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Gabriel F. Wheeler } Const

Laid out for the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton a Town way as follows to wit beginning at a Stake and Stones on the Easterly side of George hill Road, about twelve feet South of Jonathan Stows house now occupied by Mr Hay. Thence running through said Jonathan Stows land North 85° East fifty one Rods to a Stake & Stones at the End of a wall; Thence South 84 East one Hundred rods to a Stake & Stones at Upton Town line which meets a way laid out by the Selectmen of said Upton, said Town way is laid out two rods wide and is laid on the South side of said Course

Dated August 10th 1822

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Isaac W Wood
Charles Prentice
} Selectmen of Grafton

A True Copy attest Jon[a] Wheeler } Town Clerk

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs & other Town Matters held at the Towns Meting house pursuant to warning on Monday the Twenty Sixth day of August A.D. 1822 at Two O. Clock in the afternoon the following proceedings were had Viz —

1st By vote Chose Cyrus Leland Moderator

2nd Voted to appropriate the Interest on the publick and private securities as the same was the last year

3th Voted to Grant four Hundred & fifty Dollars to defray Town Charges the Present Year

4th Voted to Grant one Hundred & twenty five Dollars to Compleate the Revd John Wiley twenty Seventh Years salary

5th Voted to Grant four Hundred & fifty Dollars for schooling the Present Year

6th Voted to Choose an agent agreable to the Sixth article in the Warrant — By vote Chose John Warren for said agent

7th Voted to accept the Say out of a Townway Laid out by the Selectmen near Jonathan Hows Southerly Line as the Points are given Reference to the Survey recorded —

8th Voted to Choose a Committee of Two to assist the Town Treasurer in renewing the Town Securities —

By vote Chose Perley Goddard & Amasa Roberts for said Committee

9th Voted to accept the follow persons as Jurors being reported by the Selectmen

Moses Adams	Paul Harnum	Charles Leland	Jona Wiley
Pardon Aldrich	Ephm Goulding	Joshua W. Leland	Jona How
Nath. Adams Jun.	Joseph Goddard	Joseph Miriam	John Warren
Joseph Adams	Perley Goddard	Joseph Nichols	Josephus Willard
Charles Brigham	Levi Goddard	John Putnam	Isaac W. Wood
Joseph Bruce	Stephen Holbrook	Joseph Prentice	Samuel Wood
John Batchelor	Austin Holbrook	Charles Prentice	Liberty Wood
Clark Brown	Joshua Harrington	Moses Rockwood	Jona Wadsworth
Silas Chace	Royal Keith	Thaddeus Read Jun	Leonard Wheelock
Silas Forbush	Aaron Kimball	Amasa Roberts	
Jona C. Forbush	Cyrus Leland	Moses Roberts	
Peter Harnum	Luke Leland	Isaac Southick	
		Albert Stony	

10th Voted to accept the account of Nath. Adams Jun. Committee for Plowing an ox Shovel for the Center Highway district amount $13.

We the Subscribers met according to assignment to perambulate the line between the Towns of Grafton & Millbury, — Begining at the northwest Corner of Grafton being Millbury Corner, thence thouthardly on Sd line to a heap of Stones at the Southwest Corner of Abel Wesson's land, thence on Sd line to a heap of Stones by a Stump in Wm Brigham's land. thence to a heap of Stones in Joseph Goddards land, thence to a heap of Stones in Pearley Goddards land by a Stump, thence to Millbury Corner to a Stake & Stones in Stephen Holbrooks land —

Septr 24 A.D. 1822

Cyrus Leland
Charly Leland
Isaac W. Wood
} Selectmen of Grafton

Daniel Rice
Nathan W. Chamberlain
} Selectmen of Millb

October 5th 1822 We the Subscribers met agreable to assignment and perambulated the line between the Towns of Sutton and Grafton, as follows viz beginning at a heap of Stones on the South Side of Blackstone river at Northbridge line thence up the Middle of Sd river to Moses Shermans land thence to a Walnut tree being a Corner of Sd Shermans and Nathan Hancock land thence to a Stake and Stones in the ~~County road by~~ Sd Hancocks House thence to a Stake and Stones in the County road south of Majr D. W. Leland, thence to Grafton Southwest Corner there ~~to~~ to a heap of Stones on Clark Browns land thence a Crop Sd river to a Stump in the wall between Abram Chase and Joel Drakes land thence to Millbury Corner —

Elisha Hale
Thomas Harbach
} Selectmen of Sutton

Cyrus Leland
Isaac. W. Wood
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton November 1st 1822.

We have this day erected a Guidboard at the first forks of the Road East of Capt. Thaddeus Reads as the Law directs directing To Meredon —

Clark Brown
Charly Leland
Cyrus Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton —

A True Copy attest Jona Wheeler Town Clerk

To Jonathan Wheeler Town Clerk — We the Subscribers Select-men of Grafton this Day 26th Octr. 1822 Erected a Guide Post directing to Westborough & Boston set at the forks of the Road at the Corner of Isaac W. Woods Land —

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Charly Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

A True Copy attest Jona Wheeler Town Clerk

To Gabril F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts to notify and summon the free-holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Towns Meeting House in said Town on Monday the fourth Day of November next at one O Clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles Viz. 1st To Choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting —

2 To see what the Town will do in regard to making a new Land out Road over George hill, so Called or act thereon as they Shall think proper —

3d To hear the Report of a Committee Chosen by said Town to review the Towns Laurels or act thereon as they Shall think proper — Given under our hand, this nineteenth Day of Octr in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two —

Cyrus Leland
Charly Leland
Isaac Wood
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton October 21st 1822 — Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified and Warned the male inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Gabriel F. Wheeler Const

(Continued over)

At a legal Meting of the Votable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Pursuant to Warning held at the Towns Meting House in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November A.D. 1822 at one O Clock in the afternoon the following proceedings were had Viz

1st By vote Chose Cyrus Leland Moderator

2nd Voted to pass over the Second article the preceding warrant

3rd Voted to accept the doing of the Committee viz Perly Goddard and Amasa Robert, Chosen to assist Samuel wood Town Treasurer, in renewing the Town Securities Except Joseph Whipple, Pew note & Majr Joseph Miriam School note they not now being according to the vote of the Town the Sureties not living in Town

To Gabriel F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Grafton duely qualified to Vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, To assemble at the Towns Meting Hoine in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November next at three O. Clock in the afternoon to give in their Votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District.

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of October one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two

Cyrus Leland
Charles Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton October 21st 1822.

Persuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Male Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within Mentioned

Gabriel F. Wheeler Const.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fourth day of November, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester South district; Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, Counted, recorded, and Declaration thereof made, as by law is directed

To wit;

For Hon Benjamin Adams fifty seven Votes

" Hon Jonas Sibley fifty one Votes

Cyrus Leland
Clark Brown
Charles Leland
Isaac N. Wood
Charles Prentice
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

Attest Jon[a] Wheeler Town Clerk

To Gabriel S. Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by law to vote in Town meetings in the Choice of Town Officers and other Town affairs to Assemble at the Towns meeting House on Monday the third day of March next at Eleven O. Clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1st To Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2d To Choose Town officers the Present year

(Continued over)

(Continued from the other side)

3d To See how the Town will order the School the ensuing Year

4th To Grant money for the repairs of highways and Town ways the ensuing year and see what said Town will allow a man Oxen & Tools per day

5th To see if the Town will restrain the Hunting at large of neat Cattle and horses the ensuing year or act thereon as they shall think proper

6th To see if the Town will make the new laid out County road through Grafton to Northbridge line by authorizing a Committee or other ways or act thereon as they shall think proper

7th To hear and accept the report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they shall think proper

8th To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they shall think proper

9th To see if the Town will fence the Indian burying Ground by the request of William Brigham & others, or act thereon as they shall think proper

10th To accept Town debts

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the Hour of s^d Meeting given under our hands this Seventeenth day of February eighteen Hundred and twenty three

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Benton
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton February 21.st 1823

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have duely notified the Inhabitants of said Town, Qualified as within Mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned

Gabriel F. Wheeler Con

At a legal Meeting of the Votable Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton pursuant to Warning held at the Towns Meeting House on Monday the third day of March A.D. 1823 at Eleven O. Clock in the forenoon for the purpose of Choosing Town Offices and for other Town affairs — the following proceedings were had Viz ——

1st By Vote Chose Capt. Ephm Goulding Moderator

2nd Voted to have five Selectmen

By Vote Chose { Col. Cyrus Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Charles Prentice, Albert Stone, Perley Goddard } Selectmen

By Vote Chose Harry Wood Town Clerk

By Vote Chose Samuel Wood Town Treasurer

By Vote adjourned this meting to monday the Tenth day of March Instant at One O. Clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place — Ephm Goulding Moderator

To Gabriel F Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of sd Town of Grafton duly qualified to vote for representatives in the general Court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the Towns meting House in sd Town on Monday the third day of March next at three o the Clock in the afternoon to Give in their votes for a representative of the People of sd Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South district. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of sd meting. Givin under our hands this Tenth day of February A.D. eighteen Hundred and twenty three

Cyrus Leland, Clerk Town, Isaac W Wood, Charles Prentice — Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton February 21st 1823

Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned Gabriel F. Wheeler Col

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to Vote for representatives in the General Court, holden on the third day of March, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty three for the Purpose of giving in their Votes for a representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Worcester South district; votes for the following persons were given in, sorted Counted recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by law is directed. To wit:

For { Hon Jonas Sibley Eighty Nine Votes
Hon Benjamin Adams Thirty three Votes
Hon. Seth Hastings Eleven Votes
David Sherman one Vote

Cyrus Leland
Isaac P. Wood
Charles Prentice } Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

attest Jon[a] Wheeler } Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton held at the Town's meeting house in said Town on Monday the tenth day of March A.D. 1823 at one o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment from the third day of the same march, the following additional proceedings were had. viz.

voted to have three assessors the present year.

By ballot chose as such. Moses Roberts. Paul Farnum and Shaddeus Read Jn.

voted to have two Constables and Collectors of Taxes the present year.

By ballot chose Benjamin Heywood for the South side of said Town. and Charles Cleveland for the north side of said Town.

voted to choose the remainder of the Town officers by hand vote.

voted to have ten Highway Surveyors and collectors of Highway taxes the present year.

By vote chose as such.

Harry Wood	Jonas Greenwood
Clark Brown	Joel Brooks
Peter Farnum Jr	George W. Putnam
Joseph Kimball	Ithamar Stow and
Joseph Adams	John Batchellor

voted to have two Fence viewers the present year.

By vote chose as such. Timothy Fisher and Daniel Thurston.

By vote chose Royal Keith Sealer of Leather

By vote chose Perley Goddard Sealer of Lumber

voted to have Eighteen Hogreeves the present year.

By vote chose as such.

Samuel Leland	Rufus Prentice	Rufus Putnam
Otis Adams	Rufus Stow	Isaac Cutler
Rufus Brigham	Samuel Lesure	Gideon Bennett
Martin Harrington	Charles Daniels	Joseph Knox
Charles Muzzy	Joseph Batchellor	Roland Angier
Josiah Hall	John Garfield	Samuel Green

voted to have two Scythingmen the present year

By vote chose as such. Isaiah Fairbanks and Daniel Cutler

voted to have two Field Drivers the present year.

By vote chose as such. David White and Ephraim H. Wheeler

By vote chose Joseph B. Duncan. Pound Keeper.

voted to order the Schools the present year by a Committee of nine persons.

By vote chose as such Committee

Nahum Andrews	Charles Leland	Reuben P. Leland
Albert Stone	Ezekiel Brigham	Elijah Kimball
John Phillips	John Batchellor	Cyrus French

Article 4. voted to grant Eight hundred Dollars to repair Highways the present year, and to allow men ten cents per hour for Labour & oxen Eighty three cents per day, and for tools what the Survey or may think proper.

Article 5. voted to restrain the running at large ~~of neat~~ of neat cattle and horses the present year.

Article 6. voted to choose a Committee of three persons to procure the Road mentioned in this article, to be made

By vote chose as such Comittee. Cyrus Leland, John Warren and Joshua Harrington

Article 7th voted to accept the report of the Town Treasurer

Article 8th voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Article 10th voted to accept the account of Samuel Wood for keeping the treasury the past year. $6.50

voted to accept John Warren's account for expences incured in defending the Road mentioned in article 6th - - - $38.40

voted to accept Albert Stone's account for taking valuation and making taxes the year past - - - $8 —

voted to accept Joseph Bruce's account for same and recording taxes - - - - - - $10.— —

voted to accept Austin Holbrook's account for same $8 —

voted to accept Joshua W. Leland's account for Plank $12.80

voted to accept Cyrus Leland's account for perambulating Town lines - - - - - $4.75

voted to accept Isaac W. Wood's account for same $1.50

voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the seventh day of April next, at five o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at the same place.

Ephraim Goulding moderator

To Gabriel F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of to notify the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators to assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse in Grafton on Monday the Seventh day of April next at one o'clock P.M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor. Lt. Governor, Counsellors and Senators agreable to the Constitution of said Commonwealth. Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings hereon on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of March A.D. 1823.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton 29. March 1823. Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of the said Town of Grafton qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Gabriel F. Wheeler. Constable

Worcester ss. April 7th 1823. Then personally appeared Cyrus Leland. Isaac W. Wood. Charles Prentice. Albert Stone and Perley Goddard. and were Sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their ~~of discharge of the duties of~~ office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Before me

Harry Wood Justice of the Peace

A true copy. Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor holden on the Seventh day of April, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor of said Commonwealth, the whole number of votes were sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following persons viz.

For Governor { Hon. William Eustis, One hundred & thirty two votes
Hon. Harrison G. Otis Ninety two votes.

For Lieut Governor. { Hon. Levi Lincoln, One hundred and thirty votes
Hon. Daniel Noble, Ninety two votes
Abner Temple, One vote

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest Harry Wood, Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Counsellors and Senators holden on the seventh day of April, being the first monday of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three for the purpose of giving in their votes for Counsellors and Senators for the District of Worcester County the whole number of votes were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons viz.

For — Warren Rawson Esq. One hundred and thirty two votes
James Estabrook Esq. One hundred and thirty two votes
Daniel Gilbert Esq. One hundred and thirty two votes
Edward D. Bangs Esq. One hundred and Seventeen votes
Josiah How. Esq. One hundred and thirty one votes.
Hon. Aaron Tufts. Ninety two votes
Hon. Benjamin Adams. Ninety two votes
Hon. Stephen P. Gardner. Eighty Six votes
Hon. Nathaniel Jones. Ninety two votes
Nathaniel P. Denny Esq. Ninety votes.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

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To Gabriel F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's meeting house in said Town on monday the seventh day of April next at three o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

2. To see if the Town will accept of Abel Wetson and John Wetson, together with their lands, reputed to be a gore of land bounded as follows, beginning at a heap of Stones at the South-westerly corner of said Farm on Millbury line, thence northerly on said Wetson's line, bounding on lands lately belonging to William Wetson till it comes to Flints Pond so called, thence by said Pond till it comes to the Creek so called, thence by said Creek till it comes to the River, thence down said River till it comes to Grafton corner.

3. To hear the request of Tarrant Meriam in regard to annexing him and his Farm to the Town of Grafton or act thereon as they shall think proper, or to annex the same together with other lands agreeably to his Petition as they shall think proper.

4th. To see if the Town will raise money to pay the Damages allowed by the Courts Committee on the newly laid out Road through Grafton to Providence, or authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for that purpose, or give notes on interest for the same, or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of March 1823.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have duly notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place within mentioned

Grafton 29th March 1823. Gabriel F. Wheeler. Constable.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town's meeting house on Monday the seventh day of April A.D. 1823. at three o'clock in the afternoon pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had viz. By ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator

Art. 2 voted to receive Abel Wilson and John Wilson and annex them with their lands to Grafton agreeably to their Petition.

Art. 3. voted to accept Tarrant Meriam's request in relation to his being annexed to Grafton agreeably to his petition

Art. 4. voted to Authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow the sum of Five hundred Dollars, at six per cent interest, to be appropriated towards paying the damages, assessed for the Road mentioned in this article. voted to dissolve this meeting;

Cyrus Leland moderator.

A Record of the Doings of the Constables of the town of Grafton

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton held at the Towns Meeting house on monday the seventh day of April A.D. 1823. Pursuant to adjournments from the tenth day of March preceeding. at five o'clock in the afternoon, the following further proceedings were had viz.

By vote. chose Joseph Flagg constable and Collector of Taxes for the south side of said Town in the room of Benj.a Heywood excused.

By vote chose Joseph Adams constable and collector of taxes for the north side of said town in the room of Charles Cleveland excused.

By vote — chose Nathaniel Adams Jun.r Pound Keeper in the room of Joseph B. Duncan removed.

Art. 9.th voted to pass over this article

Art. 10.th voted to accept the account of Charles Leland for perambulating town lines. going to Barre &c $7.. 50

Meeting dissolved. Ephraim Goulding Moderator.

April 2. 1823. David White was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty as one of the Field Drivers for the town of Grafton the ensuing year.

April 29. 1823. Jonas Greenwood was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty as highway Surveyor the present year.

May 1.st 1823. Joseph Flagg was sworn as the Law directs, as one of the Constables and Collectors of taxes for the Town of Grafton the present year.

Isaac W. Wood was Sworn as Sealer of weights and measures the present year. and Joseph Adams was Sworn as highway Surveyor the present year —

all before me. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Gabriel F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives, to meet at the Towns meetinghouse on monday the fifth day of May next, at three o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of choosing a Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of said May — Given under our hands at Grafton the twenty first day of April A.D. 1823.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Grafton April 26th 1823.

Gabriel F. Wheeler. Constable

The male inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified by the Constitution, having been duly convened in town-meeting on the fifth day of May A.D. 1823. for the choice of a Representative in the Legislature of this Commonwealth, did then and there elect Cyrus Leland being an inhabitant of said town, and qualified as the Constitution requires, to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden on the last wednesday of the same month.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Gabriel F. Wheeler one of the Constables of the town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the male inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in town meeting to meet at the town's meeting house on monday the fifth day of may next at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

2d To hear the Petition of Robartus Flagg in regard to relieving him from his present embarressed circumstances, or act thereon any way relative to said petition as they shall think proper.

3d To raise money to carry the same into effect or act thereon as they shall think proper.

Given under our hands at Grafton the twenty third day of April A.D. 1823.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Albert Stone
Riley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the male inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Grafton April 26th 1823. Gabriel F. Wheeler. Constable.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town's meeting house, on the fifth day of May A.D. 1823. at four o'clock P.M. the following proceedings were had, viz.

Art. 1st. Chose Cyrus Leland moderator

Articles 2d & 3d. voted to pass over these articles, and the meeting was dissolved

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Flagg Constable of the Town of Grafton ——— Greeting

You are hereby requined in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to assemble at the town's meeting house in said town on monday the twenty fifth day of August instant at 2. O. Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles. viz.

1st. To choose a moderator to regulate said Meeting

2d. To see what the Town will do with the Interest arising on their Public & Private Securities, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

3d. To grant money to defray town charges the present year, and expences of a Road through S.d town.

4th. To grant the Rev. John Miles' twenty eighth years Sallery.

5th. To grant money for the support of Schools the present year.

6th. To see if the Town will make a road laid out by the Selectmen near Jon.a Stows to Upton line, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

7th. To choose a Constable and Collector for the north side of said Town.

8th. To accept Town Debts.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings to Sum one of us on or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands this eleventh day of August Eighteen hundred and twenty three.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton August 14th 1823. Pursuant to the within warrant I have Summoned and notified the Inhabitants of S.d Town qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose within mentioned

Joseph Flagg constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town affairs held at the Town's meeting-house on the twenty fifth day of August A.D. 1823. at two o'clo P.M. the following proceedings were had viz.

Art. 1st. Chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

2d. voted to appropriate the interest on the Public and private Securities, as the same was appropriated the last year.

3d. voted to grant thirteen hundred dollars to defray town charges the present year.

4th voted to grant One hundred and thirty dollars to complete the Rev. John Miles' twenty eighth years Salery

5th voted to grant Four hundred and fifty dollars for Schooling the present year

6th voted to grant fifty Dollars to be appropriated to the making of the road mentioned in this article, and to choose a Committee of three persons to make said appropriation.

By vote chose as such Committee — Charles Brigham — Ezekiel Brigham and Joshua Harrington.

7th voted by Ballot to accept Isaac W. Wood as Constable and Collector of taxes for the north side of said Town the present year, in the room of Joseph Adams, by his giving Bond agreeably to a vote of said Town —

8th voted to pass over this article — and the meeting was dissolved

Attest. Harry Wood Town Cler.

Sept. 9. 1823. Isaac W. Wood was sworn as the Law directs as one of the Constables and collectors of Taxes for the town of Grafton the present year.

Oct. 22. 1823. Joel Brooks was sworn as one of the Highway Surveyors & collectors of highway taxes for the present year.

Dec. 2. 1823. Peter Farnum Jr. was sworn as one of the highway Surveyors and collectors of highway Taxes the present year.

Attest Harry Wood Town Cler.

Worcester ss. To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton.

You are hereby required in the name of the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town's meetinghouse on Monday the twenty second day of December A.D. 1823. at One o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.—

2. To hear the Report of a Committee, authorised to make a New County road from near the burying ground in Grafton to Northbridge line or act thereon as they shall think proper.

3dly To hear the report of a Committee authorised to make a new Road laid out by the Selectmen over George Hill to upton line, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

4thly To see if the Town will raise money to complete said road over George Hill, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

5th To see if the Town will, by a Committee or otherwise petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth, to refund a fine laid on said Town the last year for its not being represented or act thereon as they shall think proper.

Given under our hands this 3 day of Decr. 1823.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perly Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton 6th December 1823.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have duly notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as within mentioned, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Isaac W. Wood Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in town affairs held at the Town's meeting house on the twenty second day of December A.D. 1823. at one o'clock in the afternoon the following proceedings were had. viz.

Art. 1st — By ballot, chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

" 2d — voted to accept the Report of said Committee, they having expended on said road ------ $319.25½

" 3d voted to pass over this article. —

" 4th " voted to pass over this article. —

" 5. voted to pass over this article.

And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Isaac W. Wood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to assemble at the Town's meeting house on Monday the first day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st. To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting.

2nd. To choose Town Officers for the present year.

3d. To see how the Town will order the School the present year.

4th. To grant money for the repairs of highways and town ways the ensuing year, and see what the Town will allow a man, Oxen & tools per day.

5th. To see if the Town will adopt some method which shall be more equal than the present way of dividing the School money, by the request of Albert Stone and others, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

6th To see if the Town will restrain the running at large of neat Cattle and horses the ensuing year or act thereon as they shall think proper.

7th To hear and accept the Report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they shall think proper.

8th To hear and accept the Report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they shall think proper.

9th To accept Town Debts.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February 1824.

Isaac W. Wood
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton 19th February 1824. Persuant to the within warrant I have duly notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and places and for the purposes within expresed. Isaac W. Wood Constable.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in the choice of Town Officers, and in other Town affairs held at the Town's meetinghouse on monday the first day of March A.D. 1824 the following proceedings were had, viz.

Article 1st By ballot chose Cyrus Leland Moderator

Art. 2. Voted to have five Selectmen the present year.

By ballot chose — Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen

By ballot chose Harry Wood Town Clerk.

By ballot chose Samuel Wood Town Treasurer.

voted to have three Apesors the present year.

By ballot chose — Amasa Roberts
Harry Wood
Jonathan Wheeler
} Apesors.

Voted to have two Constables and Collectors of Taxes the present year.

By ballot chose Thomas Axtell Constable and Collector of Taxes for the north side of said Town.

By ballot chose Joshua W. Leland Constable and Collector of Taxes for the south side of said Town.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the fifteenth day of March current at one o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland, Moderator

To Isaac W. Woods one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton.

Greeting

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of March next at 1. O. Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, agreeable to a petition of John Batchellor and nine others. Viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting

2. To inquire and determine whether any difficulties have arisen and now exist between the Rev.d John Miles and any of the people of his charge.

3. To determine whether any difficulties subsisting between the Rev.d John Miles and the Society over which he has the Pastoral care render a dissolution of his connexion with said Society desirous and expedient.

4th To see whether the Society will take the necessary and proper measures to dissolve their connexion with the Rev.d John Miles as their Pastor according to the provisions of the contract under which he was settled over them, and further to act and to do all things which may be proper to carry such dissolution into complete effect.

Given under our hands at Grafton this twenty eighth day of February A.D. 1824

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Woods
Charles Prentice
Albert Stone
Perley Goddard

Selectmen of the Town of Grafton.

Grafton 28th February 1824. Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly Summoned and notified the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Isaac H. Wood Constable

A true Copy. Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs. held at the Town's Meetinghouse on Monday the eighth day of March A.D. 1824. pursuant to warning. the following proceedings were had viz.

1st. By ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

2dly. Voted to pass over all the articles in the warrant, and that this meeting be now dissolved.

Cyrus Leland moderator.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in the choice of Town Officers, and in other Town affairs. held at the Town's Meeting house on monday the fifteenth day of March A.D. 1824. pursuant to adjournment from the first day of the same March. the following additional proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce assessor in the room of Jon.a Wheeler who had declined Serving.

Voted to Choose the residue of the Town Officers by hand vote.

Voted to have ten highway Surveyors, and Collectors of highway Taxes. the current year.

By vote chose. Samuel Hall Jr.
Solomon Prentice
Joseph Nichols Jr.
Samuel Bennett
Charles Aldrich
Otis Adams
Joel Knowlton
Leonard Wheelock
Joshua Harrington
Royal Keith

} Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes.

Voted to add one to the number of Highway Surveyors &c.

By vote chose. Silas Forbush Jr.

Voted to have three fence viewers

By vote chose Nathaniel Adams Jr } Fence
Isaac H. Wood } viewers
Charles Brigham }

By vote chose Royal Keith Sealer of Leather

By vote chose Phillip Wing Sealer of Lumber.

Voted to have Twenty Hogreeves the current year.

By vote chose Amos Ellis
Stephen Holbrooke
Charles Prentice
Robert M. Holbrook
Gideon Bennett
Henry Parker
Abner S. Lamb
Charles Barker
Charles C. Mitchell
Charles Aldrich
David Farnum
Jonathan Warren
Moses Rockwood Jr
Nathaniel Smith
Curtis Fay
Nathaniel Adams Jr.
Thomas J. Baker
Russell Putnam
Thamar H. Stow
Edmund Harrington } Hogreeves.

Voted to have two Sything men

By vote chose. Daniel Cutler } Sything men
Abner Temple }

Voted to have two Field drivers

By vote Chose. Henry P. Warren } Field drivers
Josiah Brown }

By vote Chose Isaac H. Wood Pound Keeper

Art. 3 — Voted to order the Schools the present year by a Committee of nine persons.

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By vote chose Samuel Hall Jr.
Leonard Wheelock
Stephen Holbrook
Jonathan Whipple
Oliver M. Brigham
Royal Keith
Silas Forbush Jr.
Holland Greenwood
Joseph Meriam
} School Committee

Art. 4th. Voted to grant the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the repairs of highways the present year, and to allow for men, Oxen and tools the same as the last year.

Art. 5th. Voted to pass over this article.

Art. 6th. voted to pass over this article

voted to accept of Joshua W. Leland as Collector of Taxes for the north side of the Town in the room of Thomas Axtell.

Art. 7. Voted to accept the Report of the Town Treasurer

Art. 8. voted to pass over this article for the present.

Art. 9. voted to accept Samuel Woods account for Keeping the Treasury the past year — $6.50.

voted to accept the account of Moses Roberts for making taxes the last year — $5.00

" Paul Farnums account for same $5.00

" Thaddeus Read Jrs account for same $5.00.

voted to accept Peter Farnum Jrs account for Plank and repairing Bridge — $5.83.

voted to accept the account of Charles Brigham Ezekiel Brigham and Joshua Harrington for $35. expended by them in the making of a Road on George Hill — $35.00.

voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the fifth day of April next, at four o'clock P.M. then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland Moderator.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Charles Aldrich, Otis Adams and Joseph Nichols Jr. Sworn as highway Surveyors and Collectors of highway Taxes.

March 15th 1824. Joshua W. Leland was Sworn as the Law directs as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the Town of Grafton the present year.

March 29. 1824 Silas Forbush Jr. was Sworn as highway Surveyor & Collector of highway Taxes.

May. 29. 1824. Joel Knowlton was Sworn as Highway Surveyor and a Collector of Highway taxes.

Nov. 8. 1824. Samuel C. Bennett Sworn as Highway Surveyor.

March 2. 1825. &c. Solomon Prentice Sworn as Highway Surveyor. &c.

To Joshua W. Leland Constable of the Town of Grafton.

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's meeting house in said Town on Monday the 29th Instant at one of the o clock P. M. to act on the following articles agreable to the petition of John Batcheller and nine others viz.

1st Choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2. To enquire and determine whether any difficulties have arisen, and now exist between the Rev. John Miles and any of the people of his charge.

3. To determine whether any difficulties subsisting between the Rev. John Miles and the Society over which he has the Pastoral care render a dissolution of his connexion with said Society desirous and expedient.

4th To see whether the society will take the necessary and proper measures to dissolve their connexion with the Rev. John Miles as their Pastor according to the provisions of the contract under which he was settled over them, and further to act and to do all things which may be proper to carry such dissolution into complete effect.

Dated at Grafton this fifteenth day of March A. D. 1824.

You will make due return of this warrant on or before

the hour of said meeting with your doings thereon to some one of us.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within specified

Grafton March 16. 1824 Joshua W. Leland. Constable.

A. True Copy. Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Town on the ~~twenty~~ ninth day of March A. D. 1824. the following proceedings were had, viz.

By Ballot Chose Cyrus Leland moderator

Article 2. voted to pass over this article for the present.

Art. 3. Voted to choose a Committee of Five persons to confer with the Rev. Mr. Miles and agree upon suitable persons to hear and investigate the Reports in circulation and report the facts to the Town at an adjourned meeting.

By hand vote chose Ezekiel Brigham
Albert Stone
Joseph Goddard
Pardon Aldrech
Isaac W. Wood
} Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the third day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland Moderator.

To Joshua W. Leland Constable of Grafton.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of of Massachusetts to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of Grafton qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor Leutenant Governor, Counsellors and Senators to meet at the Town's Meting house in said Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Governor, Lt. Governor, Counsellors and Senators agreable to the constitution of said Commonwealth.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote as within stated to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within Specified — Dated at Grafton this twenty seventh day of March Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Joshua W. Leland, Constable

A True Copy Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 5. 1824. Then personally appeared Cyrus Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Paul Farnum, Albert Stone and Moses Roberts Selectmen of Grafton for the current year and were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof Before me Harry Wood Justice of the Peace

A true Copy. Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the fifth day of April, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth — The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted recorded, and declaration there of made as by the constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Governor — { William Eustis, one hundred and thirty two votes
Samuel Lathrop, One hundred and eight votes

For Lieutenant Governor. { Marcus Morton, one hundred & thirty two votes
Richard Sullivan, One hundred and eight votes

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Senators and Counsellors holden on the fifth day of April, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four for the purpose of giving in their votes for Senators and Counsellors for the District of Worcester County — The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted recorded and declaration there of there of made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons —

For. Edmund Cushing. One hundred & thirty two votes
Daniel Thurber. One hundred & thirty two votes
Nathaniel Houghton, One hundred & thirty two votes.
Joseph Davis. One hundred & thirty two votes.
John Brown. One hundred & thirty one votes.

For Aaron Tufts one hundred and eight votes
Stephen P. Gardner One hundred and six votes
Benjamin Adams One hundred & eight votes
Nathaniel P. Denny Eighty nine votes
Joseph G. Kendall One hundred & eight votes
Seth Hastings. Thirteen votes
Jonas Hastings four votes.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in the choice of Town Officers and in other town affairs. held on monday the fifth day of April A.D. 1824. pursuant to adjournment from the fifteenth day of March preceding. the following further proceedings were had. viz.

voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen. and the meeting was dissolved

Cyrus Leland moderator.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clk.

To Joshua W. Leland. Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative to assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the third day of May next at three o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing one Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next. Dated at Grafton this nineteenth day of April. Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representative to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within Specified

Joshua W. Leland, Constable

Grafton April twenty four the Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified by the Constitution, having been duly convened in Town meeting on the third day of May A.D. 1824. for the choice of a Representative in the Legislature of this Commonwealth, did then and there vote not to choose a Representative for the current year.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, held on the third day of May A.D. 1824. pursuant to adjournment from the twenty ninth day of March preceding, the following additional proceedings were had viz.

Voted, to accept the Report of the Committee chosen to confer with the Rev. Mr. Miles &c. which Report is in the words following, to wit.

We the undersigned a Committee chosen by the Town to confer with the Rev. John Miles, beg leave to report — your Committee have conferred with Mr. Miles and agreed upon the following persons viz. Hon. Seth Hastings, Hon. Benj.a Adams, Bezaleel Taft Jr. Esq. Rev. Joseph Goff and Rev. Elisha Rockwood as Reffirees, all which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton 3 May 1824.

Ezekiel Brigham
Albert Stone
Joseph Goddard
Pardon Aldrich
Isaac W. Wood
} Committee

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to monday the thirty first day of May current, at one o'clock in the afternoon then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland moderator.

May 31. 1824. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment Voted to accept the Report of the Referees mutually chosen by the above Committee of the Town and the Rev. Mr. Miles, and that said Report be kept on file.

Article 4. voted to pass over this article.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Joshua W. Leland Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote by Law, in Town affairs, to assemble at the Town's Meeting house in said Town on monday the thirtieth day of August current at 2. o'clock P.M. in the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting

2dly To see what the Town will do with the Interest arising on their Public and Private Securities or act thereon as they shall think proper.

3dly To grant money to defray Town charges the present year.

4thly To grant the Rev. John Miles' twenty ninth year's Salary

5thly. To grant money for the Support of Schools the present year

6thly To see what mode the Town will adopt in future for warning meetings for drawing Jurymen.

7thly To see if the Town will raise money to defray the expence of an investigation of charges exhibited against the Rev. John Miles.

8thly To see if the Town will discontinue a part of a road laid out through Jonathan Stow's land to Upton Line and accept the new laid out road, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

9thly To see if the Town will adopt some method to divide the School money more equal than the present by new districting and otherwise as they shall think proper, by the request of Royal Keith and others.—

10th To accept Town debts.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of August Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Moses Roberts
Albert Stone
} Seletmen of Grafton

Persuant to the Within Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within Specified.

Grafton August 14th 1824. Joshua W. Leland Constable.

A True Copy.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Groton qualified to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town's Meeting house in said Town on monday the thirtieth day of August A.D. 1824. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator

Art. 2d. — voted to choose a Committee of Five, to ascertain to whom the Interest arising on the Public and private Securities belongs.

By vote chose. Harry Woods
Jonathan Wheeler
John Batchellor
Perley Goddard
Royal Keith
} Committee.

Art. 3d. voted to grant Five hundred Dollars to defray Town charges the present year.

Art. 4th. — Voted to pass over this article.

Art. 5th — voted to grant four hundred and fifty Dollars for Schooling the present year.

Art. 6th — voted & ordered that the mode of notifying future meetings for drawing Jurymen shall be, by the Constable giving notice to the major part of the Selectmen and the Town Clerk.

Art. 7th — voted to pass over this article

Art. 8th — voted to pass over this article for the present.

Art. 9th — voted to choose a Committee of Nine, one from each School district, to report to the Town at an adjourned meeting such alterations of the School Districts or different division of the School money as they may think expedient.

By vote chose. Joseph Bruce
Cyrus Leland
Joshua W. Leland
Joshua Harrington
Royal Keith
Moses Roberts
Josephus Willard
Moses Rockwood
Luke Leland
} Committee.

voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the twenty seventh day of September next at 2. o'clock. P.M. then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland Moderator.

Sept. 27. 1824. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment proceeded as follows viz.

Art. 2. — voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen under this article, and that said Report be kept on file, which is in the words following viz.

The Committee appointed by the Town of Grafton at a meeting held the 30th August A.D. 1824 to ascertain to whom the interests arising on their Public and private securities belongs, have attended to that subject and beg leave to report — That they have thoroughly examined the Records, and from the best information they can obtain in relation to the subject, it appears, that the sum originally raised for repairing the meeting house was assessed upon the members of the society, as it existed at that time, and not upon the whole Town — and that since that time the Town, as such, has been assessed for repairing the outside of said House — And that the origin of the Pew notes, so called, was the surplus remaining of the sales of the pews, after deducting the expences of finishing said meeting house and paying proprietors of the old pews — and the surplus of the sales of the more recently erected Pews after deducting the expence of building them.

From a careful examination of the Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court upon this subject, the Committee are satisfied that every Town within the Commonwealth, which acts as a Town in the settlement and maintenance of a Minister, and in erecting and keeping in repair a house for public worship, may be considered a Parish as well as a Town — and that when a Town, as such, has acted upon a question relating to, or necessarily connected with the maintenance of Public Worship, or the building or repairing a meeting house, it has ever been considered as acting in a parochial capacity — So, when ministerial lands are sold, or a fund is created from any source necessarily connected with these objects, such fund has always been considered as belonging to the Town as a Parish, or, if there were more than one society, to the original Society.

There are many cases, in all of which the same or similar prin-

ciples are recognized – The conclusion seems to be inevitable, that a fund created by the sale of Pews in a meeting house would be held by the original Society – The interest would follow the principal of course, and it is the opinion of the Committee that the Society may legally claim and hold the principal and interest of the Pew notes.

Respecting the two per cent notes, so called, arising from the six per cent Stock, together with the remaining balance of said Stock, very little information can be obtained from the Record – If the Report of a Committee recorded in Book 4. Page 44. be correct, it would appear that $594..34 was originally Society's money, and $366..66 was Town's money, and the amount now existing would remain the property of the Society and the Town in those several proportions – All which is respectfully Submitted

Grafton September 27. 1824.

Harry Wood
Jon^a Wheeler
John Batchellor
Royal Keith^a.

A Copy. Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Voted. to appropriate the interest arising upon such part of the securities as belongs to the Town, to defray Town charges.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of October next at four o'clock P.M. then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland, moderator.

Monday. October 4th. 1824.

The Town having met pursuant to adjournment, proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted to accept the alteration or lay out of a Town way from the George Hill road to Upton line, which is in the words and figures following, to wit.

Laid out a Town way for the easement of the Public in the eastwardly part of Grafton, over land belonging to Jon^a Nice an inhabitant of said Grafton, begining on the line

between the said Town of Grafton and the Town of Upton at a Stake and Stones, being the southwestwardly corner of land belonging to David and Lincoln Fay and at a junction of a Town way laid out for the Public easement by the Selectmen of the said Town of Upton and accepted by the Inhabitants thereof in legal Town meeting – Thence north 86°. 20 west 57 rods and 15 links to Stake and Stones, Thence north 79°. 40 west 6 rods and 18 links to Stake and Stones, Thence north 75 west 21. rods and fifteen links to Stake and stones, Thence north 82°. 20' west 14 rods and 20 links to a corner of walls, Thence south 87°. 40 west 37½ rods to a corner where three walls meet, Thence south 68°. 40 west 14 rods to a corner of walls on a large Rock at the County Road leading over George hill two rods and twenty links from said Jon.a Stow's house No. 2. Now occupied by a family by the name of Fay – said way is to lay from said courses two rods in a Southwardly direction at right angles, so as to be just two rods in width –

Given under our hands the 6 day of August Anno Domini 1824.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts.
} Selectmen of Grafton.

and to allow said Jon.a Stow one dollar pr rod for damages, and making.

Art – 9th. Voted to accept the Report of the Committe chosen under this article, which is in the words and figures following, to wit,

The Committee to whom was nefered the Division of the School money are of the opinion that some other method than the present ought to be adopted, beg leave to report as follows, and reccommends the following course.

Middle of the Town	District	16 p^r ct	82.50
Read	District	9	45
Meriam	"	11	55
Leland	"	11	55
George Hill	"	10	50
Wadsworth	"	11	55
Farm	"	10½	52.50
Brigham	"	8	40
Mill	"	13	65
		100	500

All which is respectfully Submitted —

Joseph Bruce. Chairman

And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Northbridge Sept^r 30 1824. We the undersigned met agreable to assignment this day and perambulated the line between Grafton and Northbridge and renewed the bounds as follows. Beginning on Northbridge line in the centre of Blackstone River, and running easterly to a heap of Stones on Upton line - corner of Farrars and Capt. Stephen Taftts land

Adolphus Spring
Sylvanus Holbrook } Selectmen of Northbridge

Cyrus Leland
Paul Farnum } Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy. Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Joshua W. Leland constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives in this Commonwealth to assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse on monday the first day of November next at one of the clock P.M. for the purpose of giving in their

votes for a Representative to represent them in the nineteenth Congress of the United States. Also to give in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States qualified by the constitution thereof: whose names shall all be born on one ticket, either printed or written, and such ticket shall contain the name of at least one Inhabitant of each of the several districts into which the Commonwealth is at present divided for the choice of Representatives in congress, and against the name of each on such ticket the district in which he resides shall be designated — given under our hands this eighteenth day of October Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in the choise of Representatives in this Commonwealth to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within Specified

Grafton October 23d 1824.

Joshua W. Leland — Constable.

A true Copy.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified to vote for Representatives holden on the first day of November being the first monday of said month A.D. 1824 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the congress of the United States — for the Worcester south district. votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed — To wit.

For Hon. Jonas Sibley — Seventy five votes
John Davis Esq. — Forty one votes
Sumner Bastow Esq. — twenty five votes.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

For votes for Electors of President &c Nov. 1. 1824. see Record on file.

To Joshua W. Leland Constable of the Town of Grafton.
Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to summon and notify the Inhabitans of said Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the sixth day of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2. To see if the Town, in case David Wilkinson & others shall actually make a turnpike Road prayed for in their Petition, will consent to have a turnpike gate placed across the Town road leading from Abner Temple's to Ephraim Goulding's, reserving to the Inhabitants of said Town the right of passing said gate toll free, as in other cases, and choose a Committee to confer with said petitioners and make such arrangements in relation to the same as they may deem necessary, or act thereon as they may think proper.

3. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to oppose the contemplated County roads petitioned for by John Morse and others, and Asa Waters & others or act thereon as they may think proper.

4th. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to repair the County road through Grafton from Sutton line to Westborough line, or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this twenty seventh day of November A.D. 1824

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within specified.

Grafton November 27. 1824 Joshua W. Leland – Constable

A True Copy. Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held at the Town's meeting house in said Town on monday the sixth day of December A.D. 1824 pursuant to warning, the following proceedings were had, to wit.

Article 1st. By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland – moderator.

Art. 2. By vote consented to have a turnpike gate placed across the Town road mentioned in this article in case said Petitioners shall actually complete said turnpike reserving all rights to the Inhabitants of said Town of passing said gate toll free – and chose the Selectmen and Town Clerk a committee to make such arrangements with said petitioners as said Committee may deem necessary.

Art. 3. voted to choose three agents to oppose the contemplated County roads through Grafton petitioned for by John Morse & others and Asa Waters and others

By vote chose. Harry Wood
Pardon Aldrich
Joshua W. Leland
} Agents

Art. 4th. Voted to choose a Committee of three to repair the road through Grafton from Sutton line to Westborough line

By vote chose Jonathan Wheeler
Joshua Harrington
Royal Keith
} Committee to repair said Road

And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 28. 1824. Personally appeared Amasa Roberts Harry Wood and Joseph Bruce Assessors for the Town of Grafton for the year ensuing. and were severally sworn to proceed equally and impartially according to their best skill and judgement in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes, as they may according to Law, be directed to assess and apportion during that time. Before me. Jonathan Wheeler, Justice of the Peace

A true Copy. Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Joshua W. Leland Constable of Grafton.

You are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representative in general court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the third day of January next at one of the o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Representative in congress of the United States for the term of two years from the third of next March. Dated at Grafton this eighteenth day of December A. D. Eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives in general court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the time ~~and~~ place and for the purposes within specified

Grafton December 18th 1824 Joshua W. Leland Const.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the constitution to vote for Representatives in the general Court holden on the third day of January, in the year of our Lord 1825. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District — votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed — To wit.

For Hon. Jonas Sibley seventy three votes.
John Davis Esq. fifty one votes.
Sumner Bastow Esq. nineteen votes.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Joshua W. Leland Constable of the Town of Grafton — greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Town officers to assemble at the Town's meeting house in said Town on monday the seventh day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles viz.

1st. To choose a moderator to regulate sd meeting —
2d. To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing —
3d To see how the Town will order the Schools the present year
4th. To grant money for the repairs of the highways and town ways, and to see what method the Town will adopt to lay out the same.
5th To see if the Town will restrain the running at large of neat cattle and Horses the ensuing year, or act thereon as they shall think proper.
6th. To see what method the Town will adopt to notify their meetings for the future.
7th To here and accept the report of the Town's Treasurer, or act thereon as they may think proper
8th. To here and accept the report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they may think proper.
9th To accept Town Debts.

you will make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of February A.D. 1825.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Paul Farnum
Albert Stone
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned and notified the male Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Town Officers, to assemble at the time place and for the purposes within specified. Grafton Feb. 26. 1825. Joshua W. Leland. constable

A true copy. Attest. Harry Wood. T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in the choice of Town Officers, and in town affairs held at the Town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1825. the following proceedings were had viz.

1st By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator

2d. By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Moses Roberts
John Batcheller
Joshua W. Leland
} Selectmen for the ensuing year.

By Ballot chose Harry Wood Town clerk

By Ballot chose Samuel Wood Town Treasurer

voted to have three Assessors the present year.

By Ballot chose Joseph Bruce
Thaddeus Read
Austin Holbrook
} Assessors for the present year.

Voted to have two constables and collectors of taxes the present year.

By Ballot chose Moses H. Adams constable and collector of Taxes for the north side, and Benjamin Heywood for the south side of said Town, both of whom appeared before

the Town Clerk and took the oaths prescribed by Law.
Voted to pass over for the present, so much of the second article as relates to the choice of Highway Surveyors.
Voted to have two fence viewers the present year
By vote chose Leonard Wheelock, Perley Goddard } Fence Viewers
By vote chose Royal Keith sealer of Leather
By vote chose William T. Lesure sealer of Lumber
Voted to have twelve hogreeves the present year
By vote chose Stephen Holbrook, Moses Sherman, Charles Prentice, David Jordon, Charles Goddard, Nath[l] Smith, Isaac Southwick, Timothy Wheelock, Aaron Fay, David Fay, Jasper W. Putnam & Lyman L. Mason } Hog-reeves.
By vote chose Ebenezer Burrell, Jonathan Stow } Tythingmen
By vote chose David White, Perley Goddard } Field Drivers
By vote chose Oren Dalrimple Pound keeper
Art. 3. Voted to order the Schools the present year by a committee of nine persons
By vote chose Henry Parker, John Wilson, Clark Brown, Jonathan Wadsworth, Joseph Goddard, Isaac Southwick, Levi Leland, Josephus Willard & Moses Hayden Jr. } School Committee
Art. 4[th]. Voted to grant the sum of Four hundred Dollars, to be assessed as a money tax and laid out upon the highways in the town under the direction of a Committee to be chosen for that purpose. voted to choose a Committee of eleven, to consist of one from each highway district to lay out said money upon the highways.
By vote chose Charles Leland, Samuel Wood, Austin Holbrook, Charles Brigham, Cyrus Leland, Moses Adams, Elijah Kimball, Pardon Aldrich, Henry P. Warren, Samuel P. Leland & Ephraim C. Wheeler } Highway Committee

Art. 5th Voted to restrain the running at large of neat cattle and Horses the present year.

Art 6th Voted that future meetings be notified by the Constables posting up the substance of the warrant to stand over two Sabbaths at both Meeting houses

Art. 7. Voted to accept the report of the Town Treasurer.

Art. 8th Voted to pass this article for the present.

Art. 9th Voted to accept Jos. B. Flagg's account for boarding Lucy Bennet & Child & paying Doctor's Bill $23.17

Voted to accept Leonard Wheelock's account. $3 —

Voted to accept Samuel Wood's account — — 6.50

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the fourth day of April next at five o'clock P. M. then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland Moderator.

April 4. 1825. The town having met pursuant to adjournments the following additional proceedings were had viz.

4th Voted to reconsider the vote granting $400 for the repair of Highways to be assessed as a money tax, and that the Committee chosen under this article be discharged.

Art. 2. voted to choose eleven highway Surveyors.

By vote chose Charles Prentice
Austin Holbrook
Peter Farnum Jr.
Lyman L. Mason
Joseph Adams
Moses Rockwood Jr.
Josiah Cutler
John Putnam
Lovel Stow
John Warren
Samuel P. Leland

} Highway Surveyors.

Art. 4th voted to grant Eight hundred Dollars to repair highways. & to allow men $1. pr day – Oxen 4/6. and tools in proportion

Art. 8 Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen.

Art. 9th voted to accept the following accounts. viz.

Cyrus Leland's for perambulating line	" 75
Amasa Roberts' for making taxes	$5.. 00
H. Wood's for making & recording taxes	8.. 00
Joseph Bruce's for making taxes	5.. 00

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 4th 1825. Then Cyrus Leland, Isaac W. Wood, Moses Roberts, John Batchellen and Joshua W. Leland. Selectmen of Grafton for the current year and were severally sworn to the faithfull and impartial discharge of the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Before me Harry Wood Town Clerk

To Moses H. Adams one of the constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by the constitution to vote for Governor, Lt. Governor, Counsellors and Senators to assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at one o'clock P. M. to give in their votes for a Governor. Lt. Governor Counsellors and Senators. Also to give in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the nineteenth Congress of the United States of America for the worcester South district. You will make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said Meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of March eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Moses Roberts
John Batchelder
Joshua W. Leland.
} Selectmen of Grafton

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified all those who are qualified according to Law to meet for the purpose at the time and place within mentioned

Grafton March 21. 1825 Moses H. Adams. Constable.

A true copy. Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor holden on the fourth day of April being the first monday in said month A. D 1825. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of said Commonwealth — The whole number of the votes given in were sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Gov.
- Levi Lincoln, one hundred and twelve votes
- Marcus Morton two votes
- Judge Jackson one vote
- Isaac W. Wood. one vote
- Abner S. Lamb. one votes.

For Lieut. Gov.
- Marcus Morton, one hundred & twenty votes
- Levi Lincoln one vote
- John Davis one vote.

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators, were also sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

For. Nathaniel Houghton, one hundred & eighteen votes

Joseph G. Kendall, one hundred & seventeen votes

Warren Rawson Eighty eight votes

William Crawford Seventy three votes

Bezaliel Taft Jr Sixty votes

William Eaton Forty six votes

Nathaniel P. Denny thirty two votes

Stephen Williams twenty seven votes

Joseph Davis two votes

Daniel Thurber two votes

Theophilus Wheeler two votes

Nathaniel Huntington one votes

Silas Holman one votes

Jonas Sibley one vote

David Wadsworth one vote.

The votes for Representative to congress were likewise sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed — and were for the following persons —

For. Jonas Sibley — Ninety four votes

John Davis — Sixty four votes

Sumner Baston — Six votes.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Moses Roberts
John Batcheller
Joshua W. Leland

Selectmen of Grafton

Attest. Harry Wood. Town Clerk

Worcester ss. April 4. 1825 Personally appeared Joseph Bruce Thaddeus Read and Austin Holbrook assessors for the Town of Grafton for the year ensuing, and were severally sworn to proceed equally and impartially according to their best skill and judgment in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes, as they may according to Law, be directed to assess and apportion during that time.

Before me. Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

To Benjamin Heywood one of the constables of the Town of Grafton. Greeting

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the male inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified by the constitution to vote for a Representative in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the second day of May next at three o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing one or more representatives to represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

You will make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting.

Dated at Grafton this 18th day of April 1825.

Cyrus Leland
Isaac M. Wood
Moses Roberts
John Batchelder
Joshua W. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton April 19th 1825 Agreeable to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton as within mentioned. Benjamin Heywood. Constable

A true Copy Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

The male Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified by the Constitution having been duly convened in Town meeting on the second day of May A.D. 1825. for the choice of a Representative in the Legislature of this Commonwealth did then and there elect Cyrus Leland being an inhabitant of said Town and qualified as the constitution requires. to represent them in the general Court to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of the same month Attest. Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

We the subscribers. appointed by the Selectmen of Shrewsbury and Grafton to perambulate the Line and renew the Bounds between said Towns met agreeable to appointment this 10th day of June 1825. perambulated the Lines and renewed the Bounds between our said Towns - according to a Law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided - for points and monuments refference to the Town Clerk's Book.

Isaac W. Wood } Selectmen of Grafton
Joshua W. Leland }

Fortunatus Harrington } Selectmen of Shrewsbury.
Thomas Harrington Jr. }

A true Copy Attest. Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

To Moses H. Adams one of the constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to assemble at the Town's Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of August next at four o' clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the term of two years from the fourth day of March last.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said Meeting.

Dated at Grafton this Sixteenth day of July A.D. 1825

Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Moses Roberts
John Batcheller
Joshua W. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton July 18, 1825.

I served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting houses in said Town fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting

Moses H. Adams Constable.

A true Copy

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives, holden on the first day of August A.D. 1825. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District, votes for the following persons were given in, sorted counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the Law directs — to wit

For. Jonas Sibley Sixty votes
John Davis Fifty five votes
John W. Lincoln one vote.

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Moses H. Adams one of the constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meeting house in said Town on Monday the twenty ninth day of August Instant at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles. viz—

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2nd To see what the Town will do with the Interest arising on their securities or act thereon as they shall think proper.

3. To grant money to defray Town charges the year ensuing.

4th To grant money for the support of Schools the present year.

5 To except the regulation of the Jury Box by the Selectmen or act thereon as they may think proper.

6 To except Town debts

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings hereon on or before the hour of said meeting. Dated at Grafton this tenth day of August A.D. 1825.

Cyrus Leland
Moses Roberts
John Batcheller
Joshua W. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. August 15 1825.

I served the within warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting houses in said Town fourteen days before the time of holding this Meeting. Moses H. Adams. Constable

A true Copy Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs held on the twenty ninth day of August A.D. 1825. the following proceedings were had. viz.

Art. 1st By ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

2. Voted to appropriate the interest arising on their Securities to the Support of Schools the present year.

3. Voted to grant Eight hundred dollars to defray Town charges the present year

4. Voted to grant Four hundred and fifty dollars for Schooling the present year

5. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as regulated by the Selectmen, on which the following names are borne, to wit. Moses Adams - Pardon Aldrich Joseph Adams - Charles Brigham, Joseph Bruce John Batcheller Peter Farnum Ephraim Goulding, Perley Goddard, Joshua Harrington, Royal Keith, Cyrus Leland, Luke Lelands, Charles Leland, Joshua M. Leland, Joseph Meriam, Joseph Prentice Amasa Roberts, Moses Roberts, Isaac Southwick Albert Stone, Isaac M. Wood, Liberty Wood Austin Holbrook, Otis Adams. Thaddeus Read Samuel Wood, Timothy Meriam Jr.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of November next at three o'clock P.M. then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland moderator.

Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk.

We the Subscribers this day met and peranbulated the Lines between the Towns of Grafton and Upton and renewed them. Begenning at Westborough corner - and the bounds being a heap of stones on where was formerly a pine Stump north of the County road, and the bounds as

the corner of Moses & Haydens & Timothy Fishers lands near the trout hole so called and the bounds at the corner of Jonathan Haydens Lands, and the bounds in the Levi Heywards meadows so called, and the bounds at the corner of Royal Keiths pasture, and the bounds at the northbridge corners, to the satisfaction of both parties.

Upton October 13th. 1825.

Moses Roberts } Selectmen of Grafton
John Batchellor }

Daniel Fisk Jr } Selectmen of Upton
Elisha Fisk }

A true Copy. Attest. Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

Nov. 7. 1825. being the first monday in said month, the Town having met pursuant to adjournment the following further proceedings were had viz.

Voted to accept the following Report in the words and figures following. to wit.

The subscribers, a Committee chosen by the Town of Grafton at a legal meeting held on the 6th day of December last past, to repair the Highway from Sutton line to Westborough line, have attended that service, and report, that they have caused to be laid out on said road a Bridge near the Baptist Meetinghouse, in materials, labour, team-work, board &c. the sum set against each individual name below, as will appear by their several Bills accompanying this report as follows viz.

Amount of Ephraim H. Wheelers bill Labour Team-work and Sharping Drills &c as pr bill June & Sept. 1825 } $109-77

Amount of Antipas M. Fays bill Board of E. H. Wheeler & man April May 1825 while working on the roads as per bill } 1.75

Amount of Balance of Capt. E. Gouldings bill for boarding & finding Hay for E. H. Wheeler and Team, in April & May 1825 as per bill rendered 5th Nov. 1825 } 3.62

Amount of Charles Aldrich, bill for boarding E. H. Wheeler & men and Team while at work on the roads as pr bill 1825 } 1.38

Amount of Prentice & Mills bill of Powder, Rum & sugar furnished E. H. Wheeler while at work on said roads as pr bill 1825 } 4.01

Amount of Balance of Samuel Belands bill for labour and boarding E. H. Wheeler & man finding Oxen Keep as pr bill June & Sept. 1825. — $11 —

Amount of Dea. Joseph Merriams Bill of Plank as pr bill rendered to cover Bridge May 1825. — 12 " 21

Amount of Capt. Sam. Hall's bill of Spikes and bolts for the Bridge as pr bill &c June 1825 — 7 " 20

Amount of Benj. Lathe's bill of Boards of E. H. Wheeler & man with Keep for Oxen mending chains &c Sept. 1825 as pr bill — 1 " 99

Amount of 75 feet of sawed raves furnished by Royal Keith for said Bridge @ 10/6 — 1 " 87

Amount of 7 String Peices & 2 sticks, furnished by Joshua Harrington, to lay down to receive the raves on S. Bridge — 15 " 75

Total — $170 " 55

the foregoing is submitted for the town's acceptance

Grafton 7th Novr 1825.

Jona. Wheeler
Joshua Harrington
Royal Keith

Voted to accept the accounts of the several Individuals aforesaid, for the sums aforesaid, and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood T. Clr.

To Benjamin Heywood Constable of the Town of Grafton

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the male inhabitants of said Town qualified by Law to vote in the choice of Town Officers to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in sd Town on on Monday the sixth day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate sd meeting.

2d To choose a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester.

3 " To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.

4 " " see how the Town will order the Schools the present year.

5 " " Grant money for the repair of Highways, and to see what

method the Town will adopt to lay out the same
6. To see if the Town will restrain the running at large of neat cattle and Horses the ensuing year or act thereon as they may think proper.
7 " " hear and accept the report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they may think proper
8 " " hear and accept the report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they may think proper
9 " " accept Town Debts.

You will make return of this warrant with your doings thereon on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February A. D. 1826

Isaac W. Wood
Moses Roberts
John Batcheller
Joshua W. Leland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Grafton February 25th 1826. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

Benja Heywood Constable.

A true Copy Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on Monday the sixth day of March A. D. 1826. the following proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

Art 2d For Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester Artemas Ward had one hundred and twenty two votes being the whole number given in.

Art 3d By Ballot chose Peter Fairnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleaveland
} Selectmen for the year ensuing.

By Ballot chose Harry Wood Town Clerk

By Ballot chose Samuel Wood Town Treasurer.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the twentieth day of March current at two o'clock P. M. then to meet at this place

Cyrus Leland.

March 20. 1826. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 16th Instant, the following additional proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Austin Holbrook, Luke Leland & Oliver M. Brigham } Assessors for the present year.

By Ballot chose Leonard Wheelock Constable and Collector of Taxes for the north, and Jonathan Whipple for the south side of said Town.

Voted to have eleven highway Surveyors the present year

By vote chose

Philip Wing
Robert Lathes
Jon.a Whipple
Elijah Kimball
Moses Hayden Jr
Timothy Meriam Jr.
Samuel Cutler
John Wilson
Josiah Brown
Joseph Prentice
Joel Forbush

} Highway Surveyors for the present year.

By vote chose Jonathan Stow, Henry P. Warren } Fence viewers

By vote chose Isaac W. Woods, Sealer of Leather
By vote chose William T. Lesure, Sealer of Lumber.
Voted to have seventeen Hogreves the present year.
By vote chose Charles Goddard, John Brigham, Daniel Pitts, Joseph Meriam Jr, Russell Wheelock, Corning Fairbanks, Martin Jacobs, Nathan Mayo, Samuel W. Wheelock, Wm B. Harrington, Benjamin Kingsbury, Willard Warren, David Wadsworth, John H. Meriam, Leonard Snow, Nathan Taft & Robert G. Taft. Hogreves.

By vote chose Daniel Cutler & David Fay Jr. Tythingmen
By vote chose David White & Rufus Prentice, Field Drivers
" " Samuel Wood Pound Keeper

Art 4.
Voted to choose a Committee of Nine to report at an adjourned meeting the best method to be adopted in relation to Schools.

By vote chose as such Committee, Charles Cleveland, Cyrus Leland, Joshua W. Leland, Luke Leland, Charles Brigham, John Batchellers Joel Forbush, Ephraim Goulding & Timothy Meriam Jr.

Art. 5. Voted to grant the sum of Eight hundred Dollars for the repair of Highways the present year & to allow men ten cents pr hour + Oxen 4/6 pr day of 10 hours + & tools in proportion.

Art. 6th Voted to restrain the running at large of neat cattle & Horses.

7th Voted to accept the report of the Town Treasurer

8. voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

9th voted to accept John Batchellers a/c for perambulating

Town line		$0.. 75
"	" of Moses Roberts for Do	0.. 75
"	" of Joshua W. Leland for Do	0.. 75
"	" " Isaac W. Wood for Do	0.. 75
"	" Sam[l] Wood's a/c for Keeping Treasury	6.. 50
"	" Joseph Bruce's a/c for making Taxes	8.. 00
"	" Thaddeus Ready a/c for Do	8. 00
"	" Austin Holbrook's a/c for Do	8. 00
"	" Peter Farnum Jr's a/c for Plank	13.. 58
"	" Cyrus Leland's a/c for Journey to Leicester	2. 00
Committee for opposing roads' a/c		5.. 00.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the third day of April next, at five o'clock P. M. then to meet at this place.

Cyrus Leland Moderator.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

The following persons were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the respective offices to which they were chosen. viz.

March 20. 1826. Jonathan Whipple as highway Surveyor.
March 29. " John Wesson " as Do.
" " Elijah Kimball as Do.
April 11. " Samuel Cutler as Do
14 " Joseph Prentice as Do
May 1st " Philip Wing as Do
" Samuel Harrington as Sealer of weights & measures.
June 10. " Moses. Hayden Jr. as Highway Surveyor
Oct 26. David White as Field Driver.
May 10. " Josiah Brown sworn as highway Surveyor
August 17. Pardon Aldrich sworn as Fence viewer.
All before me. Harry Wood Town Clk

April 3d 1826. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 20th of March last, the following further proceedings were had viz.

Art 4. Voted to accept the first part of the Report of the committee chosen to recommend the best method to be adopted in relation to schools, which is in the words following, to wit,

" The Committee appointed to devise and recommend the best and most expedient mode of procedure to be adopted by the Town of Grafton, under and pursuant to an act of the Legislature entitled an Act further to provide for the instruction of youth to be in force on and after the the first monday in April Instant, Beg leave to report, that they consider it best and most expedient and therefore recommend that a Committee of five be chosen by Ballot consisting of such members of the Town as shall be considered and adjudged best qualified to perform and discharge the duties designated by said Statute."

Voted not to accept the residue of said Report - which is dated April 3d 1826. Signed by.

Charles Cleveland
Ephm Goulding
Charles Brigham
John Batcheller
Joshua W. Leland
Timothy Merriam Jr
Jacob Forbush.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the tenth day of April current at two o Clock P. M. then to meet at this place

Cyrus Leland Moderator.

Attest. A. Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor & Counsellors and Senators holden on the third day of April, being the first monday in said month A. D. 1826. for the purpose of giving in their votes for for Governor and Lieutenant Governor & Counsellors and Senators of said Commonwealth - the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieutenant Governor were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the constitution is directed - and were for the following persons.

N. B. Warrant recorded on next page but two.

For Governor
James Lloyd, one hundred, twenty one votes
Levi Lincoln seventy three votes
Samuel Hubbard two votes
Marcus Morton two votes
David Fay two votes

For Lieut. Gov.
Samuel Hoar Jr. One hundred twenty eight votes
Thomas L. Winthrop Seventy votes
Samps Burrell one vote

The whole number of votes given in for counsellors and Senators were also sorted and counted and recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Joseph G. Kendall, one hundred ninety eight votes
Jonas Sibley one hundred & fifty four votes
Nathaniel Houghton one hundred ninety four votes
Bezaleel Taft Jr Eighty eight votes
William Eaton One hundred thirty eight votes
William Crawford Jr. Seventy votes
Jonathan Wheeler Sixty six votes
John W. Lincoln thirty eight votes
Rejoice Newton seven votes
Nathaniel P. Denny seven votes
Silas Holman seven votes
Joseph Davis three votes
Joers Jewit one vote
Aaron Tufts one vote
William H. Crawford one vote.

Attest H. Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 3d 1826. Then the Selectmen of Grafton for the currents year, personally appeared, and Peter Harnum affirmed, and Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams and Charles Cleveland were severally sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their office, respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Before me. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

April 10. 1826. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the 3d day of April current, the following further proceedings were had, viz.

Voted to choose a School Committee of Five

By vote chose. Harry Wood
Austin Holbrook
Charles Cleaveland
Otis Adams
Charles Brigham Jr
} School Committee.

Voted. That the Inhabitants of each of the several School Districts in the Town of Grafton, be hereby authorised to choose in the months of March or April annually, in the manner they may think proper, an agent or agents, to receive and superintend the laying out of such School Districts proportion of all such monies as such Town may from time to time, grant for the purposes of schooling.

voted to excuse Jonathan Whipple from serving as constable and collector of taxes

By Ballot chose Samuel Wood. Constable and collector of Taxes in the room of Jonathan Whipple excused.

By vote chose Pardon Aldrich Hence viewer in the room of Henry P. Warren who refused serving.

voted to allow Joshua Harrington's account for Plank $7.19

" " Austin Holbrook's a/c. for repairing Road 3.00

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 29th. 1826

Personally appeared Austin Holbrook, Luke Leland and Oliver M. Brigham assessors for the Town of Grafton for the year ensuing, and were severally sworn to proceed equally and impartially according to their best skill and judgment in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes as they may according to Law be directed to assess and apportion during that time.

Before me. Harry Wood, Town Clerk.

To Benjamin Heywood one of the constables of the Town of Grafton
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives to assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Town on monday the third day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to give in their votes for a Governor, Lieut. Govenor & Senators and Counsellors for this Commonwealth for the ensuing year.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid, this twentieth day of March. A.D. 1826.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleveland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton March 24th. 1826. Persuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Benjamin Heywood Constable.

A true Copy. Attest. Harry Wood. T. Cler.

To Moses H. Adams one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton. Greeting

(L.S.) You are hereby required in the name of Commonwealth of Massachusetts to sumon and notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives to assemble at the town's meetinghouse in said town on Monday the eighth day of May next, at two o'clock in the afternoon to choose a Representative or Representatives to represent said Town in the general Court of this Commonwealth to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of April A.D. 1826. Peter Fairman
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleveland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton by posting up a Copy at each of the meeting houses in Town Grafton April 26th 1826. Moses H. Adams Constable.

A true Copy. Attest Harry Wood T. Cler.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified by the constitution having been duly convened in Town meeting on the eighth day of May A.D. 1826. for the choice of one or more Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth did then and there vote not to choose a Representative for the currant year. Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To Moses W. Adams one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the (L.S.) Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town's Meeting House in said Town on Monday the eighth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator for said meeting

2d To choose a Constable for the South District for the ensuing year.

3d To act upon the Petition of Jonas Hastings and others relative to being annexed to Grafton

4th To act upon the Petition of Ambrose Chase and others relative to being annexed to Grafton, and the Petition of Peter Farnum and others annexed to the above Petition to have their lands annexed to Grafton, as set forth in said Petition

5th To grant money for the support of Schools the present year or act thereon as they may think proper.

6th To grant money to defray town Charges the present year.

Hereof fail not make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of April Eighteen hundred and twenty six.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleveland
} Selectmen of Grafton

I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton by posting up

a Copy at each of the meeting houses in Town
Grafton April 26. 1826 Moses. H. Adams. Constable.
A true Copy Attest Hy. Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the eighth day of May A.D. 1826. the following proceedings were had viz.

1st. By Ballot chose Peter Farnum moderator
Art. 2d. Voted to pass over this article
Art. 3d. Voted to pass over this article
Art. 4th. Voted to pass over this article
Art. 5th. Voted to grant the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars for the Support of Winter Schools and One hundred Dollars for the Support of Summer Schools the present year
Art 6th. Voted to grant the sum of Six hundred and fifty dollars to defray Town Charges the present year — and the meeting was dissolved.
Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To Benjamin Heywood one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town's meeting house in said Grafton on Wednesday the thirty first day of May current at four O'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.—
1. To choose a moderator for said Meeting.
2d. To choose a Constable and Collector for the south side of said Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting

up attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting — Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals this Eighth day of May Eighteen hundred and twenty six.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleveland
} Selectmen of Grafton

(L. S.)

Grafton May 14th 1826. Persuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton as within directed and expressed.

Benjamin Heywood Constable.

A true Copy. Attest H. Wood Town. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the thirty first day of May A.D. 1826. the following proceedings were had, viz.

By Ballot chose Peter Farnum Moderator

Art 2d. By Ballot chose Joel Drake Constable and Collector of Taxes for the South side of said Town, who together with Leonard Wheelock Constable and Collector of Taxes for the north side of said Town, severally, personally appeared took the oaths required by Law

Before me Harry Wood T. Clerk.

Attest. H. Wood. T. Clr.

A true Copy Attest H. Wood Town Clerk

Grafton October 19th 1826. The Selectmen of Grafton and Westborough this day met and have perambulated the line and renewed the bounds beteen the Towns as follows-Beginning at a Stump and stones on Aaron Kimballs land thence to a Stump and Stones in the wall, thence to a heap of stones near the County road, thence by an old orchard to a heap of Stones, thence southerly near to Wild-cat Swamp, but the bounds near a white oak tree could not be found, thence easterly through wild cat swamp to an heap of Stones in an old brush fence, thence easterly to a Stake in the wall between lands of Benja. Nurse and David Whitney, thence to a heap of stones and stake between Benj. Nurse and Samuel Grout which is the northeast corner of Grafton, thence Southerly across the great road to a heap of stones on a large Rock, thence southerly to a heap of stones by the road leading to Joseph Whitneys, thence by said road to a heap of stones by the corner of John Fays pasture, thence southerly to a heap of stones by a clump of bushes in Joseph Whitneys lands, thence Southerly to a heap of stones by a corner of a Woodlot, thence by heaps of stones to Upton & Westborough corner, near the road from Thomas Twichells to Grafton

Asaph Warren } Selectmen of
Martin Bullard } Westborough

Elijah Brooks } Selectmen of
Moses Adams } Grafton

A true Copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

To Joel Drake one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives, to assemble at the Town's Meting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative to represent the Worcester South Congressional District in the twentieth Congress of the United States, for the term of two years from the fourth day

March next. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us on or before the hour of said Meeting. Given under our hands at Grafton this twenty third day of October A.D. 1826

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton November 6th. 1826 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the within time and place by posting up attested Copie of said Warrant at the Towns Meeting house in said Town.

Joel Drake, Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk

At a ~~Legal~~ meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, holden on the sixth day of November, being the first monday in said Month, A.D. 1826 for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District, the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed, and were for the Following persons

For Hon. John Davis, forty six votes
" Pliney Merrick Esq. six votes.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

N. B. The above meeting supposed not to be legal, the constable not having Posted the substance of the warrants at both Meeting houses — See vote of the Town March 7. 1825. Article 6.

To Joel Drake one of the constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the twentieth

A true Copy Attest H. Wood Town Clerk

day of November instant at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will cause to be made two certain peices of road between Grafton and Millbury near Charles Daniels' laid out by the County Committee or act thereon as they may think proper.

3d To see if the Town will accept of an alteration made by the Selectmen, in the Town way leading from Brigham Hill to the County road near the Hovey Dam, so called, in Grafton, agreeably to the Petition of Thos. A. Dexter & others or act thereon as they may think proper.

4th. To accept Town Debts.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands at Grafton this sixth day of November A. D. 1826.

Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Perley Goddard
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton November the 20. 1826. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the within time and place by posting up attested copies of said warrant at both meeting houses in said Town

Joel Drake Constable of Grafton

A true Copy Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton held on the twentieth day of November A.D. 1826. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Peter Farnum Moderator.

Art. 2d. Voted to choose a Committee of three to cause the peices of Road mentioned in this article to be made.

By vote chose Pardon Aldrich
Charles Brigham
Joshua N. Leland
} Committee

Art 3d Voted to accept the alteration made by the Selectmen, in the Town way mentioned in this article, which is in the words and figures following, to wit.

"Laid out by the Selectmen of the Town of Grafton a "Town way for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof, beginning "at Stake & Stones on the Southerly side of the County road leading "from Grafton to Worcester nearly opposite the Hovey Dam so "called, thence South 10° 30' East 67 rods over land belonging to the "N. E. Mag. Co. to Stake and Stones; thence South 26° 40' East over land "of the same owners to Stake and Stones on the westerly side of "the Town way passing over Brigham Hill, opposite to land "of John Putnam, & also discontinued that part of the said "Brigham Hill road from the intersection of said New road "to the said County road, said new way to lay three rods "wide easterly from said line at right angles."

"Grafton Oct. 24. 1826 — Peter Farnum, Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams } Selectmen of Grafton

Art 4. Voted to accept John Wesson's a/c for Plank ... $4.52
" " " Samuel Cutler's a/c for Do ... 3.90

and the meeting was dissolved

Attest H. Wood Town Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Westborough and Grafton met agreeable to an agreement, and have agreed & established bounds between said Towns, which have not been found & renewed for many years, viz — Beginning at a stake & Stones north of the County road near Aaron Kimball's, thence by the orchard 36 rods rods to a stake & Stones, thence Southerly 18 rods to a stake & Stones in the mowing, thence southerly 20½ rods to a stake & Stones at the Wall near a large rock, thence Easterly 33 rods to a stake and stones at the wall near a white oak stump at Wildcat swamp —

Nov^r 13th 1826.

Asaph Warren, Silas Wesson, Martin Bullard } Selectmen of Westboro —

Peter Farnum, Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams } Selectmen of Grafton

A true Copy Attest H. Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Joel Drake one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town's Meeting-house in said Town being their usual place of meeting on Monday the twenty fifth day of December Instant at One O'Clk in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz = 1st To choose a Moderator for said Meeting

2d To see if the Town will choose a Committee to remonstrate against the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shrewsbury to the Legislature to have Tarrant Merian and his lands and other sundry tracts of land which were sut off from Shrewsbury and annexed to Grafton by an act of the Legislature passed the third day of March last - reannexed to Shrewsbury - Or act thereon as they may think proper - And you are directed to seive this Warrant by posting up attested Copies at both Meetinghouses in said Town pursuant to a vote of said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of the board at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of December Eighteen hundred and twenty six.

Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleveland
} Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton December the 11 1826. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affaires by posting up the Substance of the with Warrant at both meetinghouses in said town

Joel Drake. Constable.

A true Copy Attest H. Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held at the Town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the twenty fifth day of December A.D. 1826. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Peter Farnum moderator

Voted to adjourn this meeting from this place to the House of Lovel Baker in said town, there to meet forthwith.

The Town having met pursuant to adjournment the following further proceedings were had viz.

Voted to choose a Committee of two to oppose the Petition of the Inhabitants of Shrewsbury, praying to have Tarrant Meriam with his lands &c. reannexed to said Shrewsbury

By vote chose Cyrus Leland & Harry Wood } Committee

and the meeting was dispolved

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk

To Joel Drake one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the fifth day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To grant money to defray town charges the present year.

4th. To To see how the Town will order the Schools the present year.

5th. To grant money for the Support of Schools the present year or act thereon as they may think proper.

6th To grant money for the repair of Highways and to see what method the Town will adopt to lay out the Same.

7th To see if the Town will restrain the running at Large of neat Cattle and horses the ensuing year or act thereon as they may think proper

8th To hear and accept the Report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they may think proper.

9th To hear and accept the Report of the Selectmen, or act thereon as they may think proper

10th To see if the Town will accept the claim made against said Town by Ebenezer Leland, or any part thereof, or act thereon as they may think proper.

11th. To accept Town Debts.

12th To see if the Town will appoint their treasurer a collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February A.D. 1827

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Charles Cleveland
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. March 5. 1827

I served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town Ten days before the time of holding this meeting Joel Drake Constable of Grafton.

A true Copy. Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1827. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had viz.

Art 1st By Ballot chose Ephraim Goulding moderator

By ballot chose Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Pardon Aldrich
} Selectmen.

By ballot chose Harry Wood Town Clerk.
" " " Samuel Wood Town Treasurer.
By ballot chose Isaac W. Wood
Harry Wood } Assessors.
Philip Wing

By Ballot chose Samuel Wood Constable and collector of Taxes for the north side of said Town, and Joseph Bruce Constable and collector of taxes for the south side of said Town.

Voted to accept of Joseph Bruce as Collector for the north side of said Town in the room of Samuel Wood, by his giving Bond to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Voted to have eleven highway Surveyors the present year.

By vote chose Joseph Bruce — Solomon Carol
Joshua W. Leland — Ebenezer Leland Jr
Luke Leland — Oliver M. Brigham
Joseph Kimball — Thaddeus Read
Ephraim Goulding — John E. Thurston
Joseph Meriam Jr. — " — " — " — } highway Surveyors.

By vote chose Solomon Carol & John S. Dispeau } Fence viewers

By vote chose Royal Keith sealer of Leather
" " " Perley Goddard surveyor of Lumber
" " " Samuel Harrington
Noah Kimball
Peter Farnum Jr } Measurers of Wood

" " " Levi Rawson
Levi B. Fisher
Charles Brigham Jr.
Daniel Wheelock
John R. Fay
Charles L. Heywood
Joseph J. Clark
John R. Snow } Hog Reeves

By vote chose Solomon Carol
Abner L. Lamb } Tythingmen

By vote chose John S. Dispeaux } Field Drivers
David White }
" " " Liberty Wood Pound Keeper.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the nineteenth day of March current at one o clock P.M. then to meet at this place. Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Monday March 19th 1827. The town having met pursuant to adjournment the following further proceedings were had viz. By ballot chose Cyrus Leland Assessor for the ensuing year in the room of Philip King who declined serving.

Art. 3d Voted to grant the sum of Eight hundred dollars to defray Town Charges the present year.

Art. 4th. Voted to choose a Committee man in each School District in said Town.

By vote chose William T. Lesure
Rufus Prentice
Joseph Flagg
Silas Chase
Jonathan Brooks
Jonathan Wadsworth
Holland Greenwood
Charles Brigham Jr
Joel Brooks
} District School Committee

Art 5th. Voted to grant the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars for the support of Winter Schools and one hundred dollars for the support of Summer Schools the ensuing year.

Art. 6th Voted to grant the sum of Eight hundred dollars for the repair of Highways the present year, and to allow for men Oxen and tools the same as last year.

Art 7th. Voted to restrain the running at large of neat Cattle & Horses.

Art 8th. Voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Art. 9th Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen.

Art 10th. Voted to authorise the Selectmen to furnish the said Ebenezer Leland, to the amount of twenty Dollars. with such necessary articles as in their discretion shall be deemed proper.

Art 11th. Voted to accept the following accounts, to wit.

Oliver M. Brigham's a/c for making Taxes	$8..00
Samuel Wood's a/c for keeping treasury	" 6..50
Peter Farnum's a/c for perambulating town line	" — 75
Elijah Brooks' a/c for Do	" — " — 1..50
Moses Adams' a/c for Do	— " — " 2..12
Perley Goddard's a/c for Do	" — " — " — 75
Austin Holbrook's a/c for making taxes	— 10..00
Luke Leland's a/c for Do	— " — " — 10..00

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the second day of April next at five o'clock P.M. then to meet at this place. having previously voted to pass over the 12th article in the Warrant. Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

March 9th 1827. John D. Thurston sworn as highway Surveyor.

12. " Noah Kimball sworn as measurer of Wood

19th. " Ebenezer Leland Jr. Sworn as highway Surveyor.

19. " Thaddeus Read, Luke Leland, Ephraim Goulding, and Solomon Carrol were severally sworn as highway Surveyors.

" " David White sworn as field Driver.

" " Joseph Bruce, sworn according to Law as Constable and Collector of Taxes. All before me

Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. March 19, 1827. The Selectmen of Grafton for the current year, personally appeared and Peter Farnum affirmed, and Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks Moses Adams and Pardon Aldrich were severally sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof. Before me Harry Wood Town Clerk.

April 2d. 1827. The town having met pursuant to adjournment, the following additional proceedings were had viz.

Voted to choose a general School Committee to consist of five & By Ballot chose

Rev. Moses B. Searle
Rev. Otis Converse
Levi Rawson
Joseph Bruce
Samuel Wood
} General School Committee.

Voted to choose two additional Field drivers for the present year.

By vote chose Nathan Hancock, Joseph Nichols } Field Drivers.

and the meeting was dissolved

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk

To Joseph Bruce Constable of the Town of Grafton, Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators to assemble at the town's Meetinghouse in said town, on Monday the second day of April next at one o'clock P. M. for the purpose of Giving in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Counsellors and Senators agreable to the constitution of said Commonwealth.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of March A.D. 1827.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Pardon Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned by posting up a copy of said Warrant at both meeting houses in said Town. Grafton March 24. 1827. Joseph Bruce Constable.

A true Copy Attest. H. Wood. Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors and Senators holden on the second day of April being the first monday of said month A. D 1827 for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor Counsellors and Senators The whole number of votes given in for Gov. & Lieut. Gov. were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons —

For Gov.
- Levi Lincoln Sixty five votes.
- Marcus Morton Thirty three votes.
- William C. Jarvis Three votes.
- James Lloyd Three votes.

For Lieut. Gov.
- Thomas L. Winthrop One hundred & five votes.

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators were also counted, sorted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons

For Joseph G. Kendall Ninety one votes
Edmund Cushing Seventy votes
Joseph Davis Sixty two votes.
Joseph Estabrook Fifty five votes
Rejoice Newton Forty nine votes
Joseph Bowman Thirty nine votes
Silas Holman Thirty five votes
Aaron Tufts. Twenty six votes.

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Jonas Sibley Twenty four votes
Pliny Merrick ~~Twenty~~ five votes
John W. Lincoln Twenty five votes
Nathaniel Houghton Eight votes
Jonathan Wheeler Two votes
Jonathan Davis One vote.

Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To Joseph Bruce Constable of the Town of Grafton. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Grafton, qualified to vote for Representatives, to assemble at the town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the fourteenth day of May current at three o'clock in the afternoon to choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May current. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town, to stand over two Sundays.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this fourth day of May A.D. 1827.

Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Pardon Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the said inhabitants of the town of Grafton to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above required by posting up attested copies of said warrant at each of the public meetinghouses in said town.

Grafton May 5th 1827

Joseph Bruce. Constable.

A true Copy. Attest. H. Wood. T. Clerk.

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives, having been duly convened in Town meeting for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of the same month, did then and there, to wit, on the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1827 elect Harry Wood being an inhabitant of said Town and qualified as the Constitution requires.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss. Grafton March 19th 1827. Then Isaac W. Wood, Harry Wood and Cyrus Leland Assessors of the Town of Grafton for the current year personally appeared and were severally sworn to proceed equally and impartially according to their best Skill & Judgment in assessing and apportioning all such rates and Taxes as they may legally be required to assess and apportion during that time.

Before me. Jon^{a} Wheeler { Justice of the Peace

A true Copy. Attest H. Wood Town Clerk.

Memorandum of an agreement made this twenty fourth day of May A. D. 1827 by and between Jonathan Stow of Grafton on the one part and Moses Rockwood Jr. of Grafton on the other part Witnesseth.

That whereas there is a division fence made on the line that divides said Stow's land on the south and Rockwoods on the north in said Grafton, it is now agreed that the Southerly half of said Fence beginning at George Brook, so called, and running to the road leading from said Stow's house to Jeremiah Flagg's house be supported by Jonathan Stow, and the northerly half thereof by the said Moses Rockwood Jr.

Witness our hands and Seals the day and year aforesaid

Samuel Wood — Jonathan Stow (L. S.)

Noah Kimball — Moses Rockwood Jr. (L S)

A true Copy. Attest H. Wood. Town Clerk.

Mem. March 12th 1827. Joshua W. Leland sworn as Highway Surveyor

Worcester ss. Grafton May 30th 1827 then personally appeared Solomon Carrol and John Despeau two persons chosen by the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton at the annual meeting in march last to serve as Fence viewers for the year ensuing and were duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office.

Amasa Roberts Justice of Peace

A true Copy Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

Whereas a dispute has arisen between Lieut. Jonathan Stow of Grafton and Moses Rockwood Jr of said Grafton about their respective rights in a partition fence in the line between their lands. We the subscribers Fence viewers of the town of Grafton duly chosen and sworn, having on the application of the said Moses Rockwood and after having given due notice to the said Jonathan Stow, viewed the premises and duly considered the matter in dispute, have assigned, and do hereby assign to each of the said parties his share of said fence as follows. viz. the said Jonathan Stow shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence beginning at a maple tree on said Moses Rockwood Jr. land running north across a brook from thence westerly to a rock being a corner bounds betwixt their lands, and the said Moses Rockwood shall build and keep in repair a like fence on the other part of said line. viz. beginning at the maple tree aforesaid running eastwardly to the corner of Moses C. Hayden land, and on the South side of the same lot of land the said Jonathan Stow shall build and keep in repair a good and sufficient fence beginning at a stake and stones on said Moses Rockwood's Jr. land opposite of a white oak tree on said Jonathan Stow's land running west to the brook, and the said Moses Rockwood Jr. beginning at last mentioned bounds running east to the road shall build and keep in repair alike on the other part of said line.

Given under our hands at Grafton this thirty first day of May 1827

Solomon Carroll

John S. Despeau.

A true Copy Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

We the subscribers met agreeable to assignment and perambulated the Line between the towns of Grafton and Millbury beginning at the north-west corner of Grafton being Millbury corner, thence Southerly on said line to a heap of Stones at the Southwest corner of Abel Wesson's land thence on said line to a heap of Stones by a Stump in land formerly owned by William Brigham, thence to a heap of Stones in land formerly owned by Joseph Goddard, thence to a heap of Stones on Perley Goddard's land by a Stump, thence to Millbury corner to a Stake and Stones in Stephen Holbrook's land

Grafton Oct. 15. 1827.

Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams } Selectmen of Grafton

Aaron Trask
Elias Forbes } Selectmen of Millbury

A true Copy Attest. H. Woods T. Clerk

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Sutton and Grafton have this third day of Novr. A.D. 1827 met agreeable to notice given Selectmen of Sutton being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended that Service make return as follows (viz)

Beginning at the southeast corner of Sutton being a monument in the Blackstone river on the west side, thence up said river as it now runs to a monument on the east side of said river near Moses Sherman's, thence westerly by Nathan Hancock's to a monument in Clark Brown's land it being a corner of the town of Grafton thence northerly to a Stake and Stones in Stephen Holbrook's land near Stephen Holbrook's it being a corner of the town of Millbury---

Dated at Sutton the third day of November A.D. 1827.

Jonz Leland
Thomas Harbach } Selectmen of Sutton

Peter Fairnum
Perley Goddard } Selectmen of Grafton.

A true Copy Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss To Joseph Bruce constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the twenty sixth day of November current, at one o' clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d. To hear and accept the report of the Committee appointed to cause the road to be made near Charles Daniels' or act thereon as they may think proper.

3d. To see what the town will do with certain Bridges in said town which need repairing.

4th. To accept town debts.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton this sixteenth day of November A.D. 1827.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Pardon Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton November 17th 1827

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy of said Warrant at each of the meetinghouses in said town.

Joseph Bruce Constable.

A true Copy Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton held on the twenty sixth day of November A.D. 1827. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Peter Farnum moderator

Art. 2d voted to accept the Report of the Committee mentioned in this article.

Art. 3d. voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make the necessary repairs of the Bridges at the expense of the town.

Art 4th. voted to accept Perley Goddard's account

for money paid to Wheeler & Stone $11.60

also Charles Brigham's account for making two pices of Road near Charles Daniels $55.00.

And the meeting was dissolved

Attest Harvey Wood J. Clerk.

To Joseph Bruce Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the third day of March next, at twelve o'clock at noon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To Grant money to defray Town charges the present year.

4th To see how the town will order the Schools the present year

5th To grant money for the support of Schools the present year or act thereon as they may think proper.

6th To grant money for the repair of Highways and to see what methods the town will adopt to lay out the same.

7th To see if the Town will restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the ensuing year or act thereon as they may think proper.

8th To hear and accept the report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they may think proper.

9th To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they may think proper.

10th To see if the Town will accept the claim made against said town by Ebenezer Lelands or act thereon as they may think proper.

11th To hear the request of Cyrus Lelands and others in regards to the division of the school money or act thereon as they may think proper.

12th To hear the request of Daniel Cutler in regards to his being set from the Farm School District to the Mill School District or act thereon as they may think proper.

13th To accept Town Debts.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of February A.D. 1828. Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Pardon Aldrich
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton February 23d 1828.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up an attested Copy of said Warrant at each of the meetinghouses in said town.

Joseph Bruce, Constable

A true Copy Attest. H. Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton held on the third day of March A.D. 1828. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Ephraim Goulding moderator

Art. 2d. By ballot chose Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Joseph Adams } Selectmen

" " Harry Wood Town Clerk

" " Jonathan Wheeler Town Treasurer.

" " Harry Wood
Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood } Assessors

" " John Wesson Constable & Collector of Taxes for the north side, and Levi Leland for the south side of said Town.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the seventeenth day of March current at one o'clock P.M.

Ephream Goulding moderator

Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

March 17th 1828. The town met pursuant to adjournments and proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted to excuse Levi Leland from serving as Constable and Collector of Taxes for the south side of said town, and by ballot chose Moses Roberts in his stead.

By ballot chose Otis Convers
Cyrus Leland
Henry Parker
Thaddeus Read
Oliver M. Brigham } General School Committee

voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote.

By vote chose Joseph Whitney and Gardner Wheelock. Fence viewers
" " Royal Keith, Sealer of Leather.
" " Perley Goddard " of Lumber
" " Chandler M. Pratt, Samuel Hannington, David Wadsworth } Measurers of Wood
" " Charles Aldrich, Jonathan Sibley, Timothy Merriam Jr, John Phillips, Timothy Wheelock, Jonathan Whipple, Joseph Kimball, Albert Stone, John Putnam } District School Committee.
David White and Abner S. Lamb. Field Driverz
Lovel Baker. Pound Keeper
Jonas Greenwood & Gardner Wheelock Tithingmen
Elijah Stow, James H. Benchley, Jonathan S. Warren } Hogreevez

Art. 6. voted to grant the sum of Six hundred Dollars for the repairs of Highways the current year to be assessed and collected as a money tax, and to choose eleven highway Surveyors, one in each district, by Ballot, to lay out each district's proportion of the same money.

By ballot chose Isaac W. Woods, Samuel Butler, Stephen Holbrook, John Wilson, Luke Leland, Albert Stone, Holland Greenwood, Royal Keith, Ephraim Goulding, Moses Roberts, Joseph Merriam } Highway Surveyors

Art. 3d Voted to grant Eight hundred Dollars to defray town charges the current year.

Art 5th Voted to grant Four hundred and fifty Dollars for Winter and One hundred dollars for summer Schools.

Art 7th voted to restrain the running at large of neat Cattle and Horses the present year.

Art 8th Voted to accept the Treasurers Report.

Art 4th Voted to choose a Committee to consist of nine to define the limits of the several School Districts in said town.

By vote chose Harry Wood, Royal Keith, Moses H. Adams, Joshua W. Leland, Moses Roberts, Jonathan Whipple, Ephraim Goulding, Joshua Harrington and Moses Adams. } Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at three o'clock P. M. Ephraim Goulding moderator

Attest H. Wood. Town Clerk.

April 7th 1828. being the first monday in said month, the Town having met pursuant to adjournment, the following further proceedings were had, to wit.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee appointed to define the limits of the several School districts, which is in the words and figures following, to wit,

Grafton April 7. 1828.

The Committee appointed to define the limits of the several School Districts in Grafton have had that subject under consideration and report. That Elijah L. Case with the farm now occupied by him, shall, in future belong to the Read District, so called.

That Robert K. Flagg with the land occupied by him shall belong to the Brigham Hill District.

Leonard Wheelock with his farm to the Mill District.

Widow Hannah Axtell with her lands to the Farm District.—
and Charles Aldrich with his farm to the Middle District—
And that it is inexpedient to make any other alteration of
any of the School Districts in said Town.

By order of the Committee.

H. Wood. Chairman."

By Ballot chose Joseph Noyes constable & collector of taxes
for the north side of said town in the stead of John
Wilson who refused to serve.

Voted to excuse Joseph Meriam from serving as highway Surveyor

By ballot— chose Joseph Bruce highway Surveyor in the stead
Isaac H. Wood excused, and Jonathan Stow in the
stead of Joseph Meriam excused.

9th. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

10th. voted to pass over this article.

11th. voted to choose a Committee of nine to consist of
one from each School district to take the subject of
this article into consideration and report at an adjournment
of this meeting

By vote chose. Joseph Bruce, Cyrus Leland,
Albert Stone, Joshua W. Leland
Luke Leland, Royal Keith
Moses Roberts, Joseph Meriam
and Ephraim Goulding } Committee

Voted further to adjourn this meeting to Monday the
twelfth day of May next at three o'clock P. M.

Ephraim Goulding. Moderator.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss. To Joseph Bruce Constable of the town of Grafton
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified by the constitution to vote in the election of State Officers to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next being the first monday in said month, at one O'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators.

Also to vote by ballot on the following question, to wit, "Shall a new County be formed of the towns of Royalston, Winchendon, Athol, Templeton, Gardner, Westminster, Ashburnham Fitchburg, Leominster, Lunenburg, Princeton, Hubbardston Phillipston, Lancaster, Bolton and Harvard from the County of Worcester; and the Towns of Groton, Shirley, Pepperell, Ashby and Townsend from the County of Middlesex, prayed for in the petition of Ivers Jewett and others.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this twenty Sixth day of March A.D. 1828.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Joseph Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified

the inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned by posting attested copies of the above warrant at both meeting houses in said Town.
Grafton March 29th 1828. Joseph Bruce. Constable.

A true Copy. Attest. H. Wood. Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators holden on the seventh day of April being the first monday of said month A.D. 1828. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators — the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieut. Governor were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed — and were for the following persons.

For Governor
- Levi Lincoln, Forty six votes
- Marcus Morton, Eight votes
- Lewis Mills, One vote.

For Lieut. Governor
- Thomas L. Winthrop, Forty nine votes
- William Jarvis, Seven votes.

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators were also sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed. — and were for the following persons.

For Joseph Davis, Fifty two votes.
Edmund Cushing, Fifty votes.

For John W. Lincoln Fifty votes.
Joseph Estabrook Thirty one votes.
Bezaleel Taft Jr. Twenty nine votes.
Joseph Bowman Twenty Seven votes.
William S. Hastings Seventeen votes.
Pliny Merrick Eleven votes.
Rejoice Newton Ten votes.
Silas Holman Eight votes.
Samuel Minter Eight votes.
William Hastings Four votes.
Jonathan Wheeler Two votes.
Samuel Allen One vote.
Edward Cushing One vote.
Charles Allen one vote.

The whole number of votes given in upon the question "Shall a new County be formed of sundry towns in the Counties of Worcester and Middlesex named in the warrant, were also sorted counted recorded & declaration thereof made — and were as follows viz
Yeas — Fifteen votes.
Nays — Twenty two votes.
and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss.

To Joseph Bruce Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse on monday the seventh day of

April next at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will repair the road near the Leland Bridge, so called, or build a new bridge or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of March A.D. 1828.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Joseph Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned by posting attested copies of the above warrant at both meetinghouses in said town.

Grafton March 29th 1828. Joseph Bruce. Constable.

A true copy. Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, held on the seventh day of April A.D. 1828. the following proceedings were had viz

By ballot Chose Peter Farnum moderator

Art. 2d. Voted to choose a committee of three to view the road which is the subject of this article, and to report at an ajournment of this meeting what is necessary to be done.

By vote Chose Cyrus Leland
Royal Keith
John Batchelor
} Committee

voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the twelfth day of May next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 7th 1828. The Selectmen of Grafton for the current year personally appeared and Peter Farnum affirmed, and Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams and Joseph Adams were severally sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of their Office respecting all elections and the returns thereof.

Before me Harry Wood Town Clerk.

The following persons appeared and took the oaths required by Law to qualify them for the exercise of their respective offices. to wit.

March 13th. 1828. Jonathan Wheeler as Town Treasurer
" 19 " Lovel Baker as Pound keeper.
" 21 " John Wilson as Highway Surveyor.
" 24 " David Wadsworth as measurer of wood.
April 7. 1828. Samuel Cutler as Highway Surveyor.
" 28 " Moses Roberts as Highway Surveyor.
May 3d. 1828. Joseph Bruce as Highway Surveyor.
June 13th " Jonathan Stow as Highway Surveyor.
June 30th " Albert Stone as Constable and Collector of Taxes, and also as highway Surveyor. all before me

Harry Wood Town Clerk.

May 12. 1828. The town having met pursuant to the third ajournment of the annual meeting from the seventh day of April last. the following further proceedings were had viz.

Art. II. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen under this article, which is in the words and figures following. to wit.

" The Committee appointed for to make a division of the School money in the town of Grafton have attended to that business and report, that the following division is necessary to be made viz. Center district 13½ per Cents
Mill district 17½
Merians district 9¾
George Hill Do. 9¾
Farnums district 11.
Brigham Hill Do — 8

Farms destricts	9¾
Lelands Destricts	11
Read Destrict	9¾
	100

All which is respectfully submitted

Joseph Bruce
Cyrus Lelands
Joseph Meriams
Moses Roberts
Luke Lelands
Albert Stone
Ephm Goulding
Joshua W. Lelands. "

Grafton April 9th 1828.

Art. 12. voted to set Daniel Cutler from the Farm School District to the Mill School District, pursuant to his request.

Voted to excuse Joseph Cloyes and Moses Roberts from serving as Constables and Collectors of taxes for the current year.

By ballot chose Albert Stone Constable and Collector of taxes for said Town, and voted to allow him 1⅞ per cent for collecting—he giving Bond to the Town to the acceptance and satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Art. 13th voted to accept the following accounts viz.

Joshua Harrington's for work on Bridge	$1.50
Charles Brigham's for. Do.	1.50
Isaac W. Wood's for making taxes	12.00
H. Wood's for. Do. & recording &c	12.00
Cyrus Leland's for making taxes	8.00
Samuel Wood's for keeping treasury & int &c	24.50
Rufus Prentice's for shoes for Indians &c	4.75
Perley Goddard's for timber for Bridges, Work. Plank &c	47.54
Ezekiel Brigham's for articles furnished Benj. Lelands	
Thaddeus Read's for repairing Bridge	1.60
Perley Goddard's for perambulating line	.75
Peter Fairman's for Do	.75
Elijah Brooks' for Do	.75

Moses Adams' for perambulating line & Plank &c #1.47

And the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

May 12th. 1828. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from April 7th last. proceeded as follows viz.

voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen at the former meeting which in the words following viz. "The Committee who have under consideration the expediency of erecting a bridg at the causeway North of Colo. Joshua W. Lelands, have examined the situation of the roads where a bridge probably would be built if built at all and are of the opinion that it would require a very large and expensive bridg to receive the watter that passes there in times of freshets they therefore recommends for the present to make some repairs on the causeway and omit building a bridg. We also recommends that an examination be made and such repairs as are necessary on the old bridg at that place.— All which is respectfully submitted.

Cyrus Leland
John Batchelder. "

voted also to authorise the said Committee to make the necessary repairs, and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Bruce Constable of the Town of Grafton.

Greeting

You are hereby requried in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote for Representatives, to assemble at the Town's meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the twelfth day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon, to choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid, this twenty eighth

day of April A.D. 1828. Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams } Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time, and place, and for the purposes above mentioned by posting up attested copies of the above warrant at both meetinghouses in said Town

Grafton May 3d 1828. Joseph Bruce. Constable

A true Copy. Attest H. Wood Town Clerk.

The inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote for Representatives, having been duly convened in town meeting on the twelfth day of May A.D. 1828. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives, to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden at Boston on the last wednesday of the same month, did then and there elect Jonathan Wheeler being an inhabitant of said town and qualified as the Constitution requires Attest H. Wood. T. Cler.

To Joseph Bruce constable of the Town of Grafton. Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town's meetinghouse on monday the twelfth day of May next at four o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d. To see if the Town will take measures to enlarge their Burying grounds, or act thereon as they may think proper.

3d. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Town way laid out by the Selectmen, from the County road below Moses C. Haydens to Upton line, for the benefit of Timothy Fisher.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton this twenty eighth day of April A.D. 1828.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes abovementioned by posting up attested copies of the above warrant at both meetinghouses in said Town.

Grafton May 3d. 1828. Joseph Bruce Constable

A true Copy Attest H. Wood. T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton held on monday the twelfth day of May A.D. 1828. the following proceedings were had, viz.

By ballot chose Peter Farnum moderator

Art. 2d. Voted to choose a Committee of Five to consider the subject of this article and report at a future meeting.

By vote chose Jona. Wheeler, Royal Keith, Moses Adams, Cyrus Leland & Perley Goddard } Committee.

Art 3d. Voted, on the condition that the said Fisher will be at all the expence, excepting Forty Dollars, to accept the town way laid out by the Selectmen, as mentioned in this article which is as follows. "Laid out by the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, a Town Way for the benefit of Timothy Fisher an inhabitant thereof, beginning in Capt. Moses Roberts' lands at a Stake and Stones at Upton Town line, thence through said Roberts' land North 25° East 14½ rods to a stake & stones, thence North 33° 40' East 11½ rods to a Stake and Stones, thence North 61° 30' East 20 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence North 27 East 10 rods and 10 links to the end of an old laid out Town way leading to the County road leading from Mendon to Worcester. said road to lay one and a half rod westerly at right angles from said courses.

Grafton April 26. 1828.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of the Town of Grafton

And the meeting was dissolved

Attest H. C. Wood. Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Albert Stone Constable of the Town of Grafton. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to summon and notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town meetings, to assemble at the Congregational Society Meeting-house in said town on monday the twenty fifth day of August Instant at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st. To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2d. To see if the town will choose an agent to defend against a bill of indictment found against said town at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas held at Worcester June Term last or act thereon as they may think proper.

3td. To see if the Town will take any measures to build a bridge over the road now complained of near the great Bridge by Col. Joshua W. Lelands or repair said road in any way they may consider advisable or act thereon as they may think proper.

4th To see if the Town will make any additional grant of money for defraying town charges the present year or act thereon as they may think proper

5th To see of the Town will authorize the town Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars and allow interest for the same, or act thereon as they may think proper

6th To see if the Town will choose an agent to meet the road Commissioners, as notified, or act thereon as they shall think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to some one of us, at or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton this Eleventh day of August

in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Peter Fairnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Joseph Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton August 14th 1828.

Pursuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town meetings to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested copy of said warrant at each meeting house in said Town

Albert Stone, Constable

A true Copy. Attest. H. Wood. Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on monday the 25th day of August A.D. 1828 the following proceedings were had viz

By Ballot chose Perley Goddard moderator.

Art. 2d Voted to choose an agent by hand vote to defend the town against the Indictment mentioned in this article, and Harry Wood was chosen such Agent.

Art. 3d Voted to choose a Committee of five to build an additional Bridge and repair the road complained of.

By vote chose Joshua Harrington
Joshua W. Leland
Ezekiel Brigham
Charles Brigham
Stephen Holbrook
} Committee

Art. 4. Voted to grant the additional sum of Three hundred dollars to defray town charges the current year.

Art 5th Voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty dollars at an interest not to exceed six pr. cent.

Art 6th Voted to choose a Committee of five to meet the County Commissioners and to oppose the location in said Town

of the road petitioned for by David Wilkinson & others.

By vote chose. Perley Goddard, Elijah Brooks, Moses Adams, Joseph Adams, Harry Wood } Committee.

And the meeting was dispolved

Attest. Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. Grafton September 15. 1828. Then Cyrus Leland and Isaac W. Wood, two of the assessors for the Town of Grafton for the current year personally appeared and were severally sworn to proceed equally and impartially, according to their best skill and judgment in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes as they may, according to law, be directed to assess and apportion during that time.

Before me Harry Wood Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. Grafton September 15th 1828. Then Harry Wood one of the assessors of the Town of Grafton for the current year personally appeared and was sworn to proceed equally and impartially, according to his best skill and judgment in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes as he may lawfully be required to assess and apportion during that time. Before me Cyrus Leland Justice of the peace.

A true Copy

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that I Charles Cleveland of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman in consideration of thirty three dollars paid by Samuel Adams of said Grafton the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Samuel Adams his Heirs and assigns all my right title and interest in and to a certain Pew which I hold in common

with the said Samuel Adams in the Town's meetinghouse occupied as a place of Public Worship by the first Congregational Society in said Grafton. To have and to hold the aforegranted premises to the said Samuel Adams his heirs and assigns to their use and behoof forever. and do for myself my heirs, Executors and Administrators covenant with the said Samuel Adams his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted premises, that they are free of all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same premises to the said Samuel Adams, and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Samuel Adams his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all Persons. In Witness whereof I the said Charles Cleveland have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twentieth day of February Eighteen hundred and twenty eight.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us.
Walter Tucker
Esther Clark.

Charles Cleveland (L. S)

Worcester ss. April 12 1828. Charles Cleveland acknowledged the above instrument to his free act and deed.

Before me Pliny Merrick } Justice Peace

Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

Know all men by these presents, that I Charles Seland of Grafton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Gentleman, in consideration of Twenty five Dollars paid by Solomon Prentice of Grafton in said County yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Solomon Prentice his heirs and assigns a Pew being in the Town's Meeting house in said Grafton, being No. 3 in the Gallery. To have and to hold the same to him the said Solomon Prentice his heirs and assigns, to his and their only use benefit and behoof forever. And do Covenant with the said

Solomon Prentice his heirs and assigns. That I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted Pew – That it is free of all incumbrances That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Solomon Prentice his heirs and assigns – and that I will warrant and defend the same Pew to the said Solomon Prentice his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Charles Leland and Mary my wife have hereunto set our hands and seals this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us.
Sylvia Adams
Otis Adams.

Charles Leland (L.S.)
Mary Leland (L.S.)

Worcester ss April 8th 1826. Then the above named Charles Leland acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and Deed. Before me

Harry Wood Just. Peace.

Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Albert Stone Constable of the Town of Grafton, Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives to the general Court, to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Town on the first monday of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, and give in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States pursuant to an act directing the mode of choosing said Electors. passed June 10th 1828.

Also at the same time and place to give in their votes for a

Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting. Given under our hands this twentieth day of October A.D. 1828.

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Joseph Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton Oct. 21. 1828.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting ~~4~~ an attested copy of said warrant at each meetinghouse in said Town.

Albert Stone Constable of Grafton

Copy. Attest. H. Wood. T. Clr.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester, qualified, according to the Constitution, to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first monday of November A.D. 1828. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District. the whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed, - and were for the following persons

For Hon. John Davis Ninety four votes.
" Jonas Sibley Four votes
" Pliny Merrick Three votes.

Attest. Harry Wood T. Clr.

Record of votes for Electors of President &c. on file.

Worcester ss. To Albert Stone Constable of the Town of Grafton.

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse on monday the third day of November next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to regulate said meeting.

2d To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to the Town clerk with your doings thereon, on or before the hour of said meeting Given under our hands this twentieth day of October A. D. 1828. Peter Farnum

Perley Goddard
Elijah Brooks
Moses Adams
Joseph Adams

} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton 21st October 1828 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Sd Town qulified to vote Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested copy of said Warrant at each meetinghouse in said Town

Albert Stone, Constable of Grafton

A Copy. Attest Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on monday the third day of November A. D. 1828. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Peter Farnum Moderator.

Art 2d. Voted to accept the following list of names to be placed in the Jury Box, as prepared by the Selectmen. to wit.

Moses H. Adams	Joshua Harrington	Joseph Prentice
Joseph Adams	Elijah Kimball	Thaddeus Read
Pardon Aldrich	Royal Keith	Joseph Batchelder
Charles Brigham	Cyrus Leland	Amasa Roberts
Joseph Bruce	Luke Leland	Joel Forbush
John Batcheler	Joshua W. Leland	Samuel Woods
Lovel Baker	Timothy Merriam Jr.	Isaac W. Wood
Peter Farnum	Joseph Merriam	Moses Roberts
Perley Goddard	John Putnam	John Wesson.
Ephraim Goulding		

And the meeting was dissolved

Attest H. Wood. T. Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Albert Stone Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Town on Munday the 26 of January currant at one oclock in the afternoon then & their to act on the following article

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said Meeting.

2nd. To see if the town will allow the account of the highway Surveyors, or act thereon as they may think proper.

3d. To accept Town debts.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaids.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of

January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred twenty nine

Peter Farnum
Perley Goddard
Moses Adams
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton January 17. 1829.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Sd Town quallified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting an attested copy of said Warrant at each meeting-house in said Town Albert Stone Constable.

A Copy Attest H. Wood, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on monday the twenty sixth day of January A. D. 1829. the following proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

Art. 2d voted to raise a Committee of Five to examine the accounts of the several Highway Surveyors, and report at a future meeting. By vote chose

Joshua W. Leland
John Batcheller
Cyrus Leland
Isaac W. Wood
Harry Wood
} Committee

Voted, that all other claims against the Town shall be audited by the same Committee.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the second day of February next at two o'clock P. M.

Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

Feby. 2d. 1829. The Town met pursuant to adjournment. The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Clerk.

The following Report was then made. to wit.

Grafton Feby. 2d. 1829.

The Committee, to whose consideration was refered the accounts of the several highway Surveyors, and such other claims against said Town as should be presented to them, have attended to that duty and report, That from the diversity in the prices charged by the several Surveyors for the labor of men and Oxen, and having no evidence before them that would reconcile, or account for so great a difference, the Committee were induced to adopt certain prices as a fair remuneration for such labour, to wit 5/ pr day for men and 4/. pr day for Oxen — and have, accordingly, liquidated, by this rule, the amount of such of said accounts as were charged higher, and have allowed the whole amount of such as were charged lower, provided the sum total did not exceed such districts proportion of the money granted, as follows viz.

	Sum total of account	Districts Proportion	Amt. laid out & which ought to be allowed.
District of which Joseph Bruce is Surveyor	$100.70	$100.70	$89.54
" " " Stephen Holbrook " "	57.67	57.27	52.90
" " " Luke Leland " "	66.65	66.65	60.80
" " " Holland Greenwood " "	29.66	29.38	25.64
" " " Ephm. Goulding " "	40.73	40.73	35.23
" " " Jonathan Stow " "	52.36	43.64	43.64
" " " Saml. Cutler " "	25.26	25.26	25.26
" " " John Wesson " "	109.08	108.21	90.85
" " " Albert Stone " "	54.37	52.87	52.87
" " " Royal Keith " "	53.12	52.59	52.59
" " " Moses Roberts " "	22.70	22.70	22.70
	$612.30.	$600.00.	$552.02

They also find, at the same prices, due to Stephen Holbrook for repairing Coldspring road by order of the Selectmen, if the Town see fit to allow the same $21.75.

(continued over)

Also that Joshua W. Lelands Bill for repairing be allowed $21.52

and that his Bill for Building new Bridge, be allowed, if the Committee Chosen to build said Bridge have accepted it } $220.00

Also, that John Wesons Bill for Timber & Plank be allowed if he was authorised to make the purchase, or if it was necessary } $39.86

Also, that Cyrus Lelands Bill for Timber & Plank be allowed. $9.25.

All which is respectfully Submitted"

By order of the Committee

Joshua W. Leland, Chairman"

Voted to accept so much of the above Report as relates to the accounts of the Highway Surveyors

Voted to allow Joseph Bruce the Sum of $11.16 in addition to what was allowed by the Committee, making in the whole $100.70

Voted to allow Eph.m Goulding $5.50. in addition, making " 40.73

" " " Luke Leland $5.85. in addition making " " 66.65

" " " Stephen Holbrook $4.37. in addition making 57.27

" " " Holland Greenwood, in addition, &c $3.74. making 29.38.

" " " Joshua W. Lelands Bill for repairing Bridge 19.52

" " " " " " " Do for Building new Bridge $. 220.00

" " " John Wesons, Do. for Timber & Plank — " — 39.86

" " " Cyrus Lelands Do. for. Do 9.25.

Voted to pass over the account of Stephen Holbrook for repairing Coldspring road. and the meeting was dissolved

Attest Harry Wood, Town Clerk.

Know all men by these presents, That I Henry P. Warren of Grafton in the County of Worcester, in Consideration of Thirty Dollars paid me by Joshua W. Harrington of the same Grafton, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Joshua W. Harrington his heirs and assigns, one undivided half of a certain Pew in the Congregational Meeting house in said Grafton, being Pew numbered twenty six on the floor of said Meeting house. To Have and to Hold the aforegranted premises to the said Joshua W. Harrington his Heirs and Assigns

to his and their use and behoof forever. And I do covenant with the said Joshua W. Harrington his Heirs and Assigns, That I am lawfully seized in Fee of the aforegranted Premises; That they are free of all Incumbrances That I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Joshua W. Harrington. And that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Joshua W. Harrington his Heirs and Assigns forever against the lawful Claims and demands of all Persons.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Henry P. Warren have hereunto set my my hand and seal this Eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Harry Wood
Charles Kimball.

Henry P. Warren (L.S)

Worcester ss. Dec.r 18.th 1828. Then the above named Henry P. Warren acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free act and Deed— Before me. Harry Wood. Just. of Peace.

Copy. Attest. H. Wood J.t Clerk—

To Albert Stone Constable of the Town of Grafton.— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following articles viz.

1.st To choose a moderator to regulate said Meeting.
2.d To choose Town Officers for the ensuing years.
3.d To grant money to defray Town Charges the present year.
4.th To see how the Town will order the Schools the present year.
5.th To grant money for the support of Schools the present year.
6.th To grant money for the repair of Highways, and to see what method the Town will adopt to lay out the same.

7th To see if the Town will restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the ensuing year, or act thereon as they may think proper.

8th To see if the Town will allow the claim of Ebenezer Leland or any part thereof or act thereon as they may think proper.

9th To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the principal of the two per cent notes, so called, with so much of the interest on the same as will make the sum of $165.96 on the 17th of March 1829. and incorporate the same with the School Fund the interest ever afterwards to be applied for the benefit of Schooling in the same way the interest of said School Funds now is, and choose a Committee to renew said notes and carry said vote into effect.

10th. To see if the Town will authorise the Treasurer to charge the Town with $1.27. a Balance reported as due from Daniel Thurston deceased, late a Collector.

11th. To see if the Town will authorise the Selectmen and Treasurer to destroy $33. of Glocester money, with a $2. Counterfeit Bill, the same being of no value.

12th. To see if the Town will take any measures to procure a discontinuance of so much of the County road leading from Joseph Nichols' to Mendon, as lies between said Nichols' and Upton line, or act thereon as they may think proper.

13th. To hear and accept the report of the Town Treasurer, or act thereon as they may think proper.

14th To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen, or act thereon as they may think proper.

15th To accept Town Debts.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this Sixteenth day of February A. D. 1829 Peter Farnum }
Perley Goddard } Selectmen
Elijah Brooks } of
Moses Adams } Grafton
Joseph Adams }

Worcester ss. Grafton February 21st 1829

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I have notified said Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to meet at the said time and place and for said purposes by posting up an attested copy of said Warrant at each of the public Meeting houses in said Town.

Albert Stone Constable of Grafton

A Copy. Attest. Harry Wood T. Cler.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, held on the second day of March A. D. 1829. pursuant to warning the following proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Cyrus Seland Moderator.

Art. 2d By Ballot chose Samuel Wood }
Harry Wood }
Joseph Adams } Selectmen.
Joshua W. Seland }
Joseph Bruce }

" " Harry Wood Town Clerk

" " Jonathan Wheeler Town Treasurer.

" " Cyrus Seland }
Moses Roberts } Assessors
Thaddeus Read }

" " Moses C. Searle }
Otis Convers }
Henry Parker } General School Committee.
Doct. Thornton }
Austin Holbrook }

voted to postpone the choice of Constable and Collector untill after the grants of money

voted to choose the remainder of the Town Officers by hand vote.

By vote chose Moses Rockwood Jr. } Fence viewers
Joshua Harrington }

" " Silas Warren Sealer of Leather

" " William T. Lesure Sawyer of Lumber.

" " Samuel Harrington } Measurers of Wood.
Peter Farnum Jr. }
Levi B. Fisher }
Lymas D. Aldrich }

" " Otis Convers }
Thaddeus Read }
Joseph Meriam Jr }
Isaac Southwick }
" " Nathaniel Smith } District School Committee
Luke Leland }
Salmon Hathaway }
Charles Brigham }
Joseph Batchelder }

" " Alexander Smith } Field Drivers
Charles Goddard }

" " Franklin Harrington, Pound Keeper.

" " Otis Bullard } Tithingmen
Henry Parker. }

" " Solomon G. Leland } Hogreeves.
Jonas Greenwood }

" " Jonathan Wheeler, Moses Cutler }
Benjamin Heywood Tarrant Meriam } Highway Surveyors
Samuel Warren Joshua Harrington } and Collectors
Elijah Kimball John Batcheller } of Highway Taxes.
Benjamin W. Fay Moses Roberts }
Moses Rockwood }

Art 2d. voted to pass over this article.

Art 5. voted to grant the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars for winter and One hundred Dollars for Summer Schools

Art 6. voted to grant Eight hundred Dollars for the repair of Highways, and to allow pr day $1. for men 4/6 for oxen and for tools at the discretion of the Surveyors

Art 8th voted to pass this article for the present.

Art 7. voted to restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses.

Art 9th voted to appropriate the two pr cent notes, and in the manner, mentioned in this article.

Art 10th voted to authorise the Treasurer to charge the $1.27 mentioned in this article to the Town.

Art 11th voted to authorise the Selectmen and Treasurer to destroy the Glocester money and Counterfeit Bill mentioned in this article.

Art 12th voted to choose a Committee of three to procure a discontinuance of the road mentioned in this article.

By vote chose Harry Wood, Peter Parnum, John Batcheller } Committee

voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next, at four O'clock P.M.

Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk

The following persons appeared and took the oaths required by Law to qualify them for the exercise of their respective Offices, to wit.

March 7. 1829 Alexander Smith as a Field Driver

" 9th " Elijah Kimball as Highway Surveyor &c.

" 10th " Moses Rockwood Jr as a Fence viewer

" " " Levi B. Fisher as a measurer of Wood

" 20 " Moses Cutler as Highway Surveyor &c

" 21 " Benja W. Fay as Highway Surveyor &c.

Before me Harry Wood, Town Clerk

April 6. 1829. being the first Monday in said month, the Town having met pursuant to adjournment proceeded as follows, viz.

voted to excuse Moses Rockwood from serving as highway Surveyor and chose Charles I. Warren in his stead.

voted to grant the sum of One thousand Dollars to defray Town charges the current year.

voted that the Treasurer be collector of Taxes the present year, and to allow 5 per cent to those that pay within 30. & 60. days, and 3 per cent to those that pay in 120 days.

By ballot chose John Wheeler Jr. Constable, who appeared and took the oath prescribed by law.

voted to excuse Henry Parker from serving on the general School Committee, and John Wheeler Jr. was chosen by ballot in his stead.

voted to excuse John Batcheller from serving as highway Surveyor and chose David White in his stead.

By vote chose Silas Warren Highway Surveyor in the room of Jon.a Wheeler who declined serving.

Art. 8. voted that the Selectmen for the time being be authorized to furnish Ebenezer Leland with necessaries to the amount of Twenty dollars a year for three years, if he shall so long live, and in their opinion shall stand in need thereof.

Art. 13. voted to accept the Report of the Town Treasurer.

" 14. " to accept the Report of the Selectmen.

" 15 voted to accept the following accounts to wit.

Jon.a Wheeler's for keeping Treasury	$6.. 50
Harry Wood's for making taxes, money p.d at Worcester &c	50.. 15
Isaac W. Wood's for making taxes	6.. 50
Cyrus Leland's for. do	7.. 50
Samuel Wood's for new Book for Selectmen	3.. 00
Stephen Holbrook's for repairing Old-Spring road	24.. 47
Moses Roberts for over work on highways	3.. 22.

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest. Harry Woods Town Clerk

To Albert Stone Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are requir-ed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton quali-fied to vote in elections, to meet at the Town's Meetinghouse in Grafton on monday the Sixth day of April next at one o' clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Counsellors and Senators, for the district of Worcester County

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Samuel Woods
Harry Woods
Joseph Adams
Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton March 28th 1829.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified the inhab-itants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting an attested copy of sd warrant at each of the publick Meetinghouses in sd Town

Albert Stone Constable of Grafton

A Copy Attest H. Wood Town Clerk.

The following persons appeared and took the oaths required by Law to qualify them for the exercise of their respective offices, to wit

April 11. 1829. David White as highway Surveyor &c

" 18. " Charles J. Warren as highway Surveyor &c.

April 25. 1829. Cyrus Leland, Moses Roberts and Thaddeus Read as Assessors for the Town of Grafton the current year.

May 13th Joshua Harrington as highway Surveyor &c.

Before me Harry Wood. Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections held on the sixth day of April, being the first monday in said month, A.D. 1829. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor and Lieut. Governor, and Counsellors and Senators, the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieut Governor were sorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed and were for the following persons.

For Governor. { Levi Lincoln fifty eight votes
Marcus Morton thirty seven votes

For Lieut Governor. { Thomas L. Winthrop Sixty one votes
Nathan Willis thirty six votes

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators were als sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made, and were for the following persons

For. John W. Lincoln fifty eight votes
David Wilder Sixty votes
Samuel Mixter Sixty one votes
William S. Hastings fifty three votes
Lewis Bigelow thirty two votes
Lovel Walker eighteen votes
Daniel Thurber thirty seven votes
Joseph Thayer thirty six votes
John Spurr thirty seven votes
Isaac Davis thirty seven votes
Josiah Howe thirty five votes
John Homans One vote
Emory Washburn two votes
Pliny Merrick three votes
Liberty Wood one vote

Attest Harry Wood T. Clerk

To John Wheeler Jr Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives, to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May next at three o'clock in the afternoon, to choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May.

Also to see if the Town will give their Representative or Representatives any instructions in relation to the contemplated Rail Roads, or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this twentieth day of April A.D. 1829.

Samuel Wood
Harry Wood
Joseph Adams
Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton April 25.th 1829.

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy at each public Meetinghouse in said Town.

John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

Copy Attest H. Wood T. Clerk

Worcester ss. March 25.th 1829. Personally appeared Samuel Wood, Harry Wood, Joseph Adams, Joshua W. Leland and Joseph Bruce Selectmen of Grafton and were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duty in regard to all Ellections and Returns thereof according to the laws of this Commonwealth.

Before me Jon.a Wheeler } Justice of the peace.

A true Copy Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

The inhabitants of the town of Grafton qualified to vote for Representatives having been duly convened in Town meeting on the fourth day of May A.D. 1829. for the purpose of choosing one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden at Boston on the last wednesday of the same month, did then and there elect Harry Wood and Samuel Wood, being inhabitants of said town and qualified as the Constitution requires.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

Memorandum of an agreement made this twenty second day of April A.D. 1829 by an between Joel & Rufsel Fays of Westborough on the one part and Moses Rockwood of Grafton on the other part witnesseth. that whereas there is a division fence needed on the line that divides the lands of Joel & Rufsel Fays and the North lot of the said Moses Rockwood in said Grafton it is now agreed that the westerly half of said fence meeting at a white oak tree shall be erected and supported by said Moses Rockwood and the Easterly half thereof by the said Joel & Rufsel Fays and this agreement being recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of the said town of Grafton shall be perpetually binding upon the several owners of the said lots their heirs and assigns forever. Witness our hands and seals the day and year aforesaid.

Attest Charles P. Green
Owen B. Brigham

Moses Rockwood (L.S.)
Joel Fay
John R. Fay (L.S.)

Copy Attest. H. Wood Town Clerk.

To John Wheeler Jr. Constable of the Town of Grafton. Greeting

You are hereby requried in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the Seventeenth day of August current at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2d To See what the Town will do in relation to an indictment founds against them for suffering and allowing the County road leading from Westborough to Grafton by the house of Ephraim Goulding to be insufficiently made and repaired &c. or act in relation to said road as they may think proper.

3d To see what the Town will do in relation to the waste-water-Bridge near Joshua W. Leland's.

4th To see if the Town will grant money to repair the new County road leading from Millbury through the N. E. Village to Westborough.

5th To see if the Town will accept a Town road laid out by the Selectmen, at the request of Otis Adams & others, between the house of the said Adams and the Meriam District Schoolhouse or act thereon as they may think proper.

6th To accept Town debts.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this third day of August A. D. 1829.

Samuel Wood
Harry Wood
Joseph Adams
Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. August 8th 1829 I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested Copy at each public Meetinghouse in said Town of Grafton.

John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A Copy Attest. H. Wood T. Clr.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton held on Monday the Seventeenth day of August A. D. 1829. the following proceedings were had viz.

By ballot chose Harry Wood Moderator.

Art 2d. Jonathan Wheeler, Joshua Harrington and Cyrus Leland were chosen a Committee to repair the road mentioned in this article, and Harry Wood was chosen Agent for the Town to answer said indictment.

Art 3d. Stephen Holbrook, Joshua W. Leland & Joseph Bruce were chosen a Committee to repair the Bridge mentioned in this article.

Art 4th. Moses Adams, Cyrus Leland, Aaron Kimball, Albert Stone & Tarrant Meriam were chosen a Committee to repair the road mentioned in this article.

Art 5th. Voted to accept the road laid out by the Selectmen, as mentioned in this article, on the condition that the petitioners therefor cause the same to be opened and made to the acceptance of the Selectmen, at no greater expence to the Town than the sum of Twenty five dollars, which said Lay out, is in the words and figures following. to wit.

" Laid out by the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton at the request of Otis Adams & others a Town way beginning at a Stake and Stones near a small Stone Bridge on the road leading from Moses Rockwoods to the Meriam District School house, thence South 83° west

10 p rods to a Stake and Stones, thence north 61.° 30' west 51 rods & 15 links to a gate at the angle of the roads leading from said Rockwoods to said Adams' below the house of the said Adams — said roads to lay two rods Southerly at right angles from said courses.

Grafton June 27.th 1829.

Harry Woods
Joseph Adams
Joshua W. Lelands
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Art. 6.th voted to accept Joshua W. Lelands account for labour and Stone about the new Bridge $6.. 37.

and the meeting was dispolved

Attest Harry Woods. Town Clerk.

Northbridge Sep.r 28.th 1829.

We the undersigned this day met and perambulated the line between Grafton and Northbridge and renewed the bounds as follows. Beginning on Northbridge line in the centre of Blackstone river and running easterly to a heap of Stones on Upton line at a corner of Samuels Holmes lands on Thomas Bowens line.

Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton.

David Southick
Benj.a Taft.
} Selectmen of Northbridge.

A Copy Attest. H. Woods. T. Clerk.

October 9.th 1829. Tarrant Merians was Sworn as highway Surveyor and Collector of highway taxes.

Before me Harry Woods T. Clerk.

Worcester ss. To John Wheeler Jun.r Constable of Grafton Greeting — you are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, and in elections to meet

at the Towns meetinghouse in said Town on Monday the first day of March next at twelve o. clock at noon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator

2d To choose Town officers for the ensuing year

3d To grant money to defray Town charges and for the support of Poor the present year, and also for the repair of the road from the Towns meetinghouse in Grafton to Westborough line, and from the N. E Village to Westborough line by Aaron Kimballs

4th To see how the Town will order the schools the present year

5th To grant money for the support of schools the present ye

6th To grant money for the repair of Highways and to see what method the Town will adopt to lay out the same

7th To see if the Town will restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the ensuing year

8th To see if the Town will discontinue the Town road commencing at the Old County road, leading from Jarvis Williams to Samuel Cutlers, and ending at the Town road leading from Ebenezer Lelands Jr to Wm. Brooks, or act thereon as they shall think proper

9th To see if the Town will take measures for purchasing a Farm to keep their poor upon or act thereon as they may think proper

10th To see if Town will take measures for purchasing a piece of Land for a burying ground or act thereon as they may think proper

11th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make a new County road commencing at Clark Browns bark House and ending near Austin Holbrooks or act thereon as they may think proper

12th To see if the Town will appoint a committee to Examine the road from Enoch Forbushs to Weston line at the request of Moses Roberts and others or act thereon as they may think proper

13th To hear and accept the report of the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they may think prop.

14th To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen or act thereon as they may think proper

15th To accept Town debts

16th To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money or act thereon as they may think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid
This fifteenth day of February A.D. 1830

Samuel Wood
Joseph Adams
Joshua W. Leland
Joseph Bruce

} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton Feb 20th 1830 I have served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each publick Meetinghouse in said Town of Grafton —

John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A copy Attest Samuel Wood. Town Clerk pro. tem

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in the choice of Town Officers and in town affairs held on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1830 the following proceedings were had viz

chose by ballot Cyrus Leland Moderator

Art. 2d By ballot chose Harry Wood. Town Clerk

By ballot chose Samuel Wood, Town Clerk pro. Tem

By ballot chose
- Samuel Wood
- Harry Wood
- Joshua W Leland
- Joseph Bruce
- Moses Roberts

} Selectmen

By ballot chose
- Cyrus Leland
- Austin Holbrook
- Luke Leland

} Assessors

Voted that the Treasurer be collector of Taxes for the present year —

Voted to dispense with choosing the Treasurer and collector of Taxes for the present.

By ballot chose
- John Wheeler Jr
- David Jordon

} Constables

By ballot chose
- Chandler M Pratt
- Henry Parker
- William Thornton
- Austin Holbrook
- John Wheeler Jr

} General School Committee

Voted to choose the remainder of the Town officers by hand vote

By vote chose Samuel Hall
Solomon Carroll } Fence viewers

" " " Silas Warren, Sealer of Leather

" " " William T Lesure Surveyor of Lumber

" " " Chandler M Pratt
Noah Kimball
George W Jones
Levi B Fisher } Measurers of Wood

" " Phillip Wing
Aaron Fay
Moses H Adams
Solomon Prentice
Nathan T Taft
Paul Wing
Benjamin W Fay
Charles Brigham Jr
Leonard Wheelock } District School Committee

" " Rufus Prentice
George W Jones
Lodal Stow
Emmory Harrington } Field drivers

" " Franklin Harrington, Pound Keeper

" " Rufus Prentice
George W Jones } Tithingmen

" " Lyman D Aldrich
Pardon Aldrich
Josiah H Hammond
Lawson Munyan
George Clapp
Ebenezer Aldrich } Hogreeves

voted to divide the Meriam Highway district so called

By vote chose Samuel Hall
John Phillips
Jonathon Whipple
John Kimball
Joseph Adams
Otis Adams
Joseph Flagg
Moses Adams
Cyrus Leland
Charles Brigham Jr
Ephraim H Wheeler
Joel Forbush

Highway Surveyors and Collectors of Highway Taxes

voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 15th Instant at one o. clock P. M.

Attest Samuel Woods Town Clerk Pro Tem

Monday March 15th 1830. The town having met pursuant to adjournment from the first day of March current, the following further proceedings were had. viz.

The Town reconsidered the vote whereby they made their Treasurer Collector of taxes

By ballot chose Jonathan Wheeler Town Treasurer.

" " chose Moses C. Searle one of the general School Committee in the room of Henry Parker who declined.

Harry Wood was chosen Agent to defend all suits or indictments against the Town the current year.

Art. 13. voted to accept the report of the Town Treasurer.

Art. 14th. voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Art. 3d. Voted to grant the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars to defray town charges the current year.

Art. 5th voted to grant the sum of Four hundred & fifty Dollars for Winter and One hundred Dollars for Summer Schools.

Art 6th Voted to grant the sum of Eight hundred Dollars for the repair of Highways the current year, and to allow for men, Oxen and tools the same as last year — And Perley Goddard, Austin Holbrook & Benjamin Lathe Jr. were chosen a Committee to repair the old Bridge near Joshua W. Leland's.

Art. 7th voted to restrain the running at large of neat cattle and horses the current year.

Art. 8. voted to discontinue the road mentioned in this article

Art. 10. Jonathan Wheeler, Royal Keith, Moses Adams, Cyrus Leland & Elijah Brooks, were chosen a Committee to purchase land for the enlargement of the Burying-ground and to receive a conveyance thereof to the Town.

Art. 11. Joshua W. Leland, Perley Goddard and Cyrus Leland were chosen a Committee to cause the road mentioned in this article to be made.

Art. 12. Royal Keith, John Batcheller, and Joseph Bruce were chosen a Committee to examine the road mentioned in this article and report at an adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to authorise the Town Treasurer to borrow any sum or sums of money not exceeding Seven hundred Dollars, at an interest not exceeding Six per. cent. per annum.

Art. 15. voted to allow the following accounts viz.

H. Woods for costs paid County Treasurer & Services	$ 24.29
Sam'l. Warren's for Plank for Bridge by Farnums	11.92
Joshua W. Leland's for repairing Bridge	40.00
Chas. J. Warren's for repairing small Bridge	3.00
James Martin's for Supporting John Currier	4.50
Moses Cutler's for repairing Bridge, Plank &c	12.07

Joshua W. Lelands for perambulating town line $0.75
Joseph Bruce's for. Do. .75
Moses Roberts' for making taxes 8.00
Thaddeus Reads for do 8.00
Cyrus Lelands for do 14.00
Jon.a Wheeler's for keeping Treasury 6.50.
a/c of Jon.a Wheeler & al. Committee for repairing roads 296.20
" of Moses Adams & al. Committee for do 499.00

Voted to allow two per cent to the Collector for collecting the Taxes, he giving Bond to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen—

By ballot, chose Franklin Harrington Collector of Taxes for the current year.

Adjourned to monday the fifth day of April next at four o'clock P. M.

Attest. H. Woods Town Clerk.

April 5th 1830

The Town having met pursuant to adjournments from the 15th of March last, proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted to accept Tarrant Merriam's account for Plank & Timber $8.45.

Art 12. voted, That the Committee chosen to examine the road mentioned in this article, be authorised to repair the same at an expence not exceeding one hundred Dollars.

Adjourned to Monday the third day of May next at three o'clock P.M.

Attest Harry Woods T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections, held on the fifth day of April being the first monday in said month A. D. 1830. for the purpose of Giving in their votes for a Governor, and Lieut. Governor, and Counsellors and Senators the whole number of votes given in for Governor and Lieut Governor

were sorted, counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the constitution is directed, and were for the following persons.

For Governor
- Levi Lincoln, Eighty five votes.
- Marcus Morton Ninety three votes.
- Dea. Albert Stone one vote.
- Dea. John Hecktor one vote.

For Lieut Gov.
- Thomas L. Winthrop Eighty seven votes.
- Nathan Willis Ninety two votes.

The whole number of votes given in for Counsellors and Senators were also sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made and were for the following persons.

For Daniel Thurber Ninety two votes.
Josiah Howe Ninety two votes,
Henry Prentice Ninety one votes
David Wilder Eighty nine votes.
Samuel Mixter, Eighty eight votes.
William S. Hastings Eighty Six votes.
Lovel Walker Eighty five votes.
Jonas L. Sibley Eighty two votes.
John W. Lincoln Eighty one votes
Isaac Davis Fifty eight votes
Pliny Merrick Forty seven votes.
Stephen Holbrook one vote.
Thomas Tucker One vote.
Lovel Stow one vote
Denny Munrow one vote
Rejoice Newton One vote
Joseph Davis one vote.

Attest. Harry Wood J. Cler.

May 3d 1830. The Town having met pursuant to adjournment from the fifth day of April last, proceeded as follows viz. By Ballot chose Oliver M. Brigham one of the general School Committee in the room of Moses C. Searle who declined serving.

By vote Chose Joseph Nichols a highway Surveyor & collector of highway taxes in the room of Jonathan Whipple excused — & the meeting was dissolved

Attest. Harry Wood T. Clerk.

The following persons appeared and tooke the oath required by Law to qualify them for the exercise of their respective Offices. to wit.

March 15. 1830. Cyrus Leland, Austin Holbrook & Luke Leland, Assessors for the current year.

March 17. Emory Harrington, as Field Driver.

" 19. Charles Brigham Jr. as highway Surveyor & Collector of highway taxes

" 25. John Wheeler Jr. as Constable.

April 16. 1830. Ephraim M. Wheeler, as highway Surveyor &c.

" 20. " Joel Forbush. as ditto.

" 24 " Otis Adams as. ditto

June 8th 1830. Rufus Prentice as Field Driver.

Before me Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To John Wheeler Jr Constable of the Town of Grafton in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town's meeting house in Grafton on Monday the third day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon being the first monday in said month

1st To determine the number of Representives said Town will choose the present year

2d To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

and also at the aforementioned place on the same day at 3 o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d To see what measures the town will adopt to carry into effect the Resolve of the Legislature pass'd Feb. 27. 1830. requiring towns to make surveys of their territory and return the same into the Secretary's Office on or before the first day of July 1831.

3d To see if the Town will choose a Committee to consider the propriety of altering the location of the Town's Pounds, and authorise the said Committee to make such alteration or act thereon as they shall think proper.

4. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to petition the County Commissioners in behalf of said Town for an alteration of the location of the road from Clark Brown's bark-house to near Austin Holbrook's.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick Meeting houses in said town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and

place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Samuel Wood
Joshua W. Leland
Harry Wood
Joseph Bruce
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton April 24. 1830.

I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each public Meeting house in said Town of Grafton. John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A true copy. Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

Pursuant to a law of this Commonwealth, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Grafton in the County of Worcester qualified according to the Constitution, having been duly convened in town meeting, on the third day of May A.D. 1830 for the choice of Representatives in the Legislature of this Commonwealth did then and there elect Samuel Wood being an inhabitant of said Town and qualified as the constitution requires, to represent them in the General Court to be convened and holden on the last Wednesday of the same month.

Also at a legal meeting of the inhabitants of said Town held at the same time and place the following proceedings were had viz Voted That the Selectmen cause a Survey of said town & a plan thereof to be made and returned, in compliance to said Resolve of the Legislature.

Art. 3d The Selectmen were chosen a Committee to consider the expediency of altering the location of the Town's Pound, and authorised to cause such alteration, if they they shall think proper.

Art. 4. Voted to pass over this article, and the meeting was dissolved Attest Harry Wood Town Clerk.

To John Wheeler Jr one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton

Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Summon and notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town's Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the thirtieth day of August current at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz. 1st To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see what measures the town will take in regard to fencing the new Burying Ground and the Town's Pounds as located by the Committee chosen for that purpose, or act in relation thereto as they may think proper.

3d To see if the town will order a new division of the School money, and choose a Committee to make such division or act thereon as they may think proper.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton aforesaid this Sixteenth day of August A.D. 1830.

Samuel Wood
Harry Wood
Joshua W. Leland } Selectmen of Grafton.
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts

Worcester ss. Grafton August 21. 1830

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each public Meetinghouse in said Town of Grafton. John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A true Copy

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton qualified to vote in town affairs, held on Monday the thirtieth day of August A.D. 1830. the following proceedings were had. viz.

By ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator.

Art. 2. Jonathan Wheeler, Royal Keith, Moses Adams, Cyrus Leland and Elijah Brook a Committee chosen at a former meeting to purchase land for the enlargement of the Burying ground &c. Report that they have purchased a tract of land for that purpose of Perly Goddard, containing two acres & 35 rods at the sum of 147 9/100 Dollars, have taken a Deed of conveyance thereof to the Town, and have caused said Deed to be recorded. Which Report was accepted, and the same men were appointed a Committee to cause the new Burying ground and Pounds to be fenced

Art. 3d. Voted to choose a Committee of one from each School District to make a new division of the School money and report to the Selectmen. and the following persons were chosen such Committee. viz

Samuel Wood
Cyrus Leland
Timothy Merriam
Moses Roberts
Peter Farnum Jr.
Albert Stone
Ephraim Goulding
Austin Holbrook
Royal Keith

And the meeting was dissolved

Attest Samy Wood Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton, qualified according to the Constitution, warned for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester South District, held on monday the first day of November A.D. 1830. the whole number of votes given in were sorted Counted recorded, and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed and were for the following persons viz.

For John Davis Thirty nine votes
" Daniel Thurber Eighteen votes.

Attest. H. Wood T. Clerk.

To John Wheeler Jr. one of the Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the Inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town's Meetinghouse in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of November current at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz.

1. To choose a Moderator
2d. To see if the Town will determine and define the limits of the several School Districts therein by a geographical division of the Town
3d. To see if the town will choose a Committee to procure a Fire Engine and suitable apparatus and to provide a suitable house for the same at the expence of the town.
4. To see if the Town will accept a road laid out

by the Selectmen leading from near Joshua W. Lelands to Sutton line in a direction to David Lelands.

5th. To hear and accept the report of any Committee that has not reported, or act thereon as they may think proper.

6th. To accept town Debts.

And you will serve this warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each meetinghouse in said town to stand over two Sundays.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to some one of us on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Grafton this first day of November A.D. 1830.

Samuel Wood
Harry Wood
Joseph Bruce
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton.

Worcester ss. Grafton November 6- 1830.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each public meetinghouse in said town of Grafton.

John Wheeler Jr. Constable.

A Copy. Attest H. Wood T. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Grafton held on the fifteenth day of November A.D. 1830 the following proceedings were had viz.

By Ballot chose Cyrus Leland moderator

Art 2d. Charles Brigham Jr. Thaddeus Read, Samuel Wood, Joshua W. Leland, Moses Roberts, Otis Adams, Ephraim Goulding, Luke Leland, Cyrus Leland were chosen a Committee to determine and define the limits of the several School Districts in said Town of Grafton, by a geographical division of the town for that purpose.

Art. 3d. Passed over.

Art 4. Voted to accept the road mentioned in this article as laid out by the Selectmen, which said Layout is in the words & figures following, to wit,

"Said out by the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Grafton, at the request of Joshua W. Leland, a Town way, beginning at the east barpost at the fork of roads opposite the said Lelands Store, and running S. 11° 30' W. 40 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence S. 7° W. 15½ rods to a Stake & Stones, thence S. 21° W. 29 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence S. 4° 30' E. 13 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence S. 14° 15' E. 8 rods to a Stake & Stones, thence S. 37° 30' E. 22 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence S. 44° E. 15⅘ rods to a Stake and Stones, & thence S. 17° 30' E. 17 rods to Sutton line. — said road to lay two rods westerly and at right angles from said courses. No Damages claimed by the owner of the land over which said road passes."

Grafton November 15. 1830.

Samuel Wood
Harry Wood
Joseph Bruce
Joshua W. Leland
Moses Roberts
} Selectmen of Grafton

and Joshua Harrington, Austin Holbrook & Luke Leland were chosen a Committee to cause said road to be made.

Art 5. voted to accept the following Report, which is in the words & figures following.

"The Committe chosen to repair the road from Enoch Forbushs to Upton line, report, That they contracted with Robert Legate to repair said road at the expence of Forty three dollars — and that the said Legate has performed his contract to the acceptance of the Committee — and that said sum will be due to him from the Town in the month of March next.

Grafton November 15. 1830.

John Batchelder
Joseph Bruce
} Committee.

Art. 6. Voted to allow the account of Perley Goddard Austin Holbrook & Benjamin Lathe Jr. a Committee chosen of rebuild the Bridge near Joshua W. Lelands $97.05.

John Phillips' account for Plank 18.12

and the meeting was dispolved.

Attest. Harry Wood D. Cler.

We the Subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town for the purpose of dividing the School money do report as follows.

Centre	District	14¼ per cent
Reads	do	9½ " "
Meriam	do	9½ " "
Lelands	do	12 " "
Farnum	do	11 " "
Farm	do	9½ " "
George Hill	do	9½ " "
Brigham	do	8¼ " "
Mill	do	16½ " "

Grafton Nov. 20. 1830.

Samuel Wood
Ephraim Goulding
Royal Keith
Moses Roberts
Cyrus Leland
Timothy Meriam
Austin Holbrook
Peter Farnum Jr.

Committee.

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